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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT

DIRECTOR,

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

SEPTEMBER 27, 1940

Sir:

I hereby make application for appointment to the position indicated by check mark, in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and for your use in this connection submit the following information:

Special Agent (Law Trained) ☐
 Special Agent (Accountant) ☐
 Special Employee ☐
 Stenographer ☐
 Typist ☐
 Translator ☒
 Messenger ☐
 Laboratory Technician* ☐
 Student Fingerprint Classifier ☐

(Indicate by check)

(This application should be typewritten if possible)

1. Name in full (please print) MAHEU, ROBERT AIME'
(Family name) (Given name) (Middle name)
- (a) Female applicants must furnish maiden name _____
2. Legal residence 54 SUMMER STREET, WATERVILLE, MAINE
3. Mail and telegraphic address 2042 34th S.E., WASH. Phone No. ATL. 2204-W
4. Date of birth OCT 30, 1917 Weight 155 Height 5'10" Color WHITE
(Without Shoes)
5. Place of birth WATERVILLE, MAINE
6. (a) Father's name EPHREM MAHEU (b) Father's birthplace WATERVILLE, MAINE
7. (a) Mother's maiden name CHRISTINE CASAVANT (b) Mother's birthplace AUGUSTA, ME.
8. If you were not born in United States, how long have you lived here? _____
9. Are you a citizen of the United States? YES
10. If naturalized, date and place of naturalization _____
11. Are you single, married, widowed, separated, or divorced? SINGLE
(Specify)
12. If your husband (or wife) is employed, state where employed _____
13. Number of children, if any SEP 15 1940 67-111006-1
14. Are you entirely dependent on your salary? No
15. To what extent are you financially indebted to others and to whom? OCT 1 1940 NO MY FATHER

FOR SUPPORT AND EDUCATION (AND SCHOOL AT PRESENT)

*Specify exact title of position sought as Laboratory Technician -

See details on separate description sheets which will be furnished on request.

16. Education: (Please print.)

| | NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL | FROM— | TO— | COURSES PURSUED, DIPLOMAS OR DEGREES RECEIVED |
|---|--|-------|------|--|
| (a) Elementary | NOTRE DAME | 1924 | 1932 | HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE |
| (b) High school equivalent | WATERVILLE HIGH ^{Boston} | 1932 | 1936 | COLLEGE COURSE |
| (c) College or technical * | HOLY CROSS COLLEGE ^{Boston} ^{Worcester Massachusetts} | 1936 | 1940 | B.S. IN ECONOMICS |
| (d) Foreign Languages Give degree of proficiency as to speaking, reading, writing | ^{Yorgetown Law School} FRENCH — CAN WRITE, TRANSLATE, AND SPEAK FLUENTLY — IN FACT, CAN MAKE EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH | | | |
| (e) Miscellaneous * | | | | |

17. Give names of clubs, societies, and other similar organizations of which you are a member:

ONLY COLLEGE ORGANIZATIONS

18. Have you been admitted to the Bar, if so specify No

19. Describe any physical defects, including extent of defective vision, if any

NONE

20. Health record for the past 3 years (give number of days and nature of serious illness):

VERY GOOD — NO SERIOUS ILLNESS

* Applicants for Laboratory Technician positions should list in detail scientific courses pursued, using an insert if necessary and give title of any Master's or Doctor's Thesis prepared.

21. Experience: (Please print.) WORKED FOR MY FATHER DURING VACATIONS

| NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER | POSITION AND KIND OF WORK | FROM— | TO— | ANNUAL SALARY |
|---|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Name <u>Edgar City, Waterville, Me.</u> Address <u>Waterville, Me.</u> | <u>Land</u> | <u>Summer</u> | <u>Summer</u> | <u>✓</u> |
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22. Specify any arrests (include traffic arrests) None

23. Have you ever been a defendant in any court action? No

Specify: _____

24. Give five personal references (not relatives, former employers, fellow employees, or school teachers), more than 30 years of age, who are householders or property owners, business or professional men or women (including your family physician, if you have one) of good standing in the community, and who have known you well during the past 5 or more years. (Please print.)

| NAME | RESIDENCE ADDRESS | NUMBER OF YEARS ACQUAINTED | BUSINESS ADDRESS |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. <u>DR. RENAUD GUITE</u> | <u>WEST ST., WATERVILLE, ME.</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>MAIN ST. WATERVILLE, ME.</u> |
| 2. <u>[Redacted]</u> | <u>"</u> | <u>20</u> | <u>"</u> |
| 3. <u>[Redacted]</u> | <u>"</u> | <u>20</u> | <u>"</u> |
| 4. <u>DR. FRED TOULOUSE, JR.</u> | <u>GILMAN ST.</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>MAIN ST</u> |
| 5. <u>[Redacted]</u> | <u>"</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>"</u> |

Has a pilot's license

acquainted with J.C. [Redacted] C.K. [Redacted]

W. Lang [Redacted]

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25. List the names of any relatives now in the Government service, with the degree of relationship, and where employed:

NONE

26. What is the lowest entrance salary you will accept? 1080

27. Are you in a position to accept probationary employment at any time, without previous notice, and, if notice is required, how much? YES

28. In the event of appointment will you be willing to proceed to Washington, D.C., upon 10 days' notice and at your own expense? YES

29. If appointed are you willing and prepared to accept assignment or transfer to any part of the United States where services are required, for either temporary or permanent duration? YES

30. Attach unmounted face photograph not larger than 3 by 4 1/4 inches. Write your name plainly on back of photograph. Photograph to be taken *not more than 30 days prior to date of application.*



Respectfully,

Robert Aime Mahen
(Signature of applicant as usually written)

NOTE.—If the applicant desires to make any further remarks or statements concerning his qualifications or in answer to any question contained in the application, the same should be made on a separate sheet of paper, numbering the remarks in accordance with the original questions.

Must be subscribed to by all applicants for positions in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice.

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me by the above-named applicant, this _____ day of SEP 30 1940, 19____, at city (or town) of Washington, D. C., county of Washington, D. C., and State (or Territory or District) of Columbia

Edw J Lant
(Signature of officer)

[OFFICIAL IMPRESSION SEAL]

Notary Public

(Official title)

(FIELD)

ASSIGNMENT HISTORY OF

ROBERT ALME MAHER OUT OF MR

ENTERED ON DUTY AT

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ON

December 9, 1940

OFFICE

DATE

School

12-9-40

Phoenix

1-28-41

Seattle

5-18-41

Desig. as Resident Ag.
Aberdeen, Washington

9-13-41

New York

5/13/43

Boston

11-29-45

Resident Agent
Ranger Maine & Waterville

11-30-45

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ENTRANCE SALARY

\$3200

SALARY CHANGES

DATE

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8-16-42

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6-1-44

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7-1-45

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Robert A. Mahoney
~~R. A. Mahoney~~
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R. A. Mahew
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Seattle
Office

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Robert A. Mahew

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UNLAWFUL PUBLICATION & USE
OF COMMUNICATIONS

VICTIM-EXTORTION

FBI, DETROIT 2-10-55 7-35 PM EST

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URGENT

DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

UNSUB., [REDACTED] VIKEX, UPUC. RE WFO TEL FEBRUARY NINE
LAST. [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED TODAY BY ASAC WILLIAM K. BOCK AND

SA PALMER M. WEL AT THE DETROIT OFFICE. ADVISED WITH REGARD TO
POSSIBLE EXTORTION VIOLATION THAT HE WAS AWARE OF NO THREATS OF
PHYSICAL VIOLENCE TO VICTIM. HE HAS NO INFO CONCERNING THE ONE
HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ALLEGEDLY TO BE USED TO PAY ANY GANG TO
QUOTE "WORK OVER" UNQUOTE THE VICTIM. INFO HIS POSSESSION INDICATES
SUBJECTS REPRESENTED BY ROBERT A. MAHEU ASSOCIATES INTERESTED ONLY
IN CHARACTER ASSASSINATION. ONE UPUC VIOLATION FROM BAPRI: WASHINGTON
QUOTE "SOURCE" UNQUOTE, WHOM HE REFUSED TO IDENTIFY BUT WHO IS OBTAINING
INFO FROM RAY TAGGART IN MAHEU ASSOCIATES, HE HAS BEEN WARNED NOT TO
USE DETROIT PHONE OF VICTIM AT WHITTIER HOTEL SINCE IT PROBABLY IS
TAPPED. [REDACTED] PROPOSED THAT [REDACTED] PLACE TAP ON [REDACTED]
PHONE, BUT [REDACTED] UNABLE TO HANDLE. TAP, IF PLACED, ALLEGEDLY
HANDLED BY TELEPHONE COMPANY EMPLOYEE IN DETROIT THROUGH CONNECTION
MADE AT SWITCHBOARD IN HOTEL. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH
MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE TO CHECK LINES BOTH AT HOTEL & VICTIM-S
OFFICE. WASHINGTON SOURCE UNQUOTE ALSO ADVISED VICTIM-S PHONE
AT RESIDENCE IN WASHINGTON TAPPED, EXACT MANNER UNKNOWN, AND
EQUIPMENT KEPT IN ADJOINING APARTMENT. THIS INFO WAS CONFIRMED TO

[REDACTED] BY A REQUEST FROM MAHEU TO HIM TO INVESTIGATE [REDACTED] THE

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TWO COPIES

Mr. Rosen

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Sizoo
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

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PAYROLL CARD OF: MAHEU, ROBERT A.

E.O.D.: 12-9-40

AT Washington, D. C.

RESIGNED: Vol cb 7-24-47 agt 1848

Born: 10-30-17

| DIVISION | GRADE | SALARY | TITLE | DATE | NOTICE NO. |
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| Salaries & Expenses FBI | (National Defense) eff. | e.o.d. | | | |
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| " | " | \$5600 | " (M) | 2-24-46 <i>gp</i> | 3479 |
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* Do not recommend for any position in the future - See memo Mr. H. E. Edwards to Mr. Glavin 1/29/53.

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ALIAS USED BY [REDACTED] IN HIS JANUARY TWENTYFOURTH CALL, AND BY [REDACTED] CONFIRMING CALL MAKING APPOINTMENT WITH NELSON LEE SMITH, FPC COMMISSIONER, AND PROPOSED TRIP OF [REDACTED] WIFE TO HOUSTON, TEXAS. [REDACTED] HAS NO INFO INDICATING TAP ON VICTIMS OFFICE PHONES IN DE OR WASHINGTON. ALLEGED CONTACTS OF WILLIAM REDDEN, FORMER SA, AND ROBERT A. MAHEU WITH FBI EMPLOYEES DISCLOSED TO [REDACTED] BY [REDACTED] AND MAHEU IN CONVERSATIONS DETROIT AND NEW YORK. BOTH [REDACTED] AND MAHEU ALLEGEDLY HAVE INDEPENDENT SOURCES, WHICH IN [REDACTED] CASE HAVE FURNISHED [REDACTED] [REDACTED] INVOLVED ARE YEARS FIFTYONE, FIFTYTWO AND FIFTYTHREE. WASHINGTON SOURCE OF [REDACTED] ALSO FURNISHED INFO CONCERNING SPECIFIC ITEMS IN THESE REPORTS INVOLVING IN ONE INSTANCE AN ALLEGED MISSTATEMENT BY VICTIM OF TWENTY THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN AMOUNT OF HIS INCOME FROM MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY. IN ANOTHER INSTANCE HIS CLAIMING HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW AS A DEPENDENT, AND IN A SUBSEQUENT YEAR SHOWING HER AS HAVING LOANED HIM MONEY, THE INTEREST OF WHICH HE CLAIMED AS A DEDUCTION. MAHEU ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT THROUGH FBI CONTACTS HE IS AWARE OF COMPLETE DETAILS ON ACTIVITIES OF U. S. SENATORS IN WASHINGTON, AND CAN OBTAIN ANY INFO HE DESIRES FROM FBI FILES. THIS CONTACT, [REDACTED] IS UNDER

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IMPRESSION IS EMPLOYEE ~~PROBABLY~~ AGENT, OF RECORDS SECTION, BUT WHO
ALSO IS ~~QUOTE~~ IN CHARGE OF OBTAINING BANK RECORDS FOR FBI ~~UNQUOTE~~.

THROUGH THIS CONTACT, MAHEU ALLEGEDLY OBTAINED COMPLETE INFO,
ACCORDING TO [] WASHINGTON SOURCE, OF CHECKS DEPOSITED BY VICTIM
IN MANUFACTURERS NATIONAL BANK, DETROIT, AND CHECKS DRAWN BY HIM ON
THAT ACCOUNT. THOUGH [] REFUSED TO IDENTIFY HIS ~~QUOTE~~ SOURCE
~~UNQUOTE~~, HE DID ADMIT THAT THE SOURCE IS THE SAME INDIVIDUAL WHO
RECOMMENDED HIM FOR EMPLOYMENT TO MAHEU. REFERENCED WFO TEL IDENTIFIES
THIS MAN AS JOHN FRANK, WASHINGTON ATTORNEY AND EX-AGENT, PRESENTLY
AN EMPLOYEE OF MAHEU. [] WAS NOT CONFRONTED WITH FACT THAT

[] MAY BE HIS ~~QUOTE~~ SOURCE ~~UNQUOTE~~, SINCE BUREAU OF WFO MAY HAVE
AVAILABLE TO THEM MEANS OF CONFIDENTIALLY CONTACTING FRANK. ARRANGEMENTS
BETWEEN [] AND FRANK INVOLVED MONEY, AND [] IS NOW INDEBTED
TO FRANK AS RESULT OF WHICH HE HAS RECEIVED NO INFO FROM HIM SINCE
JANUARY THIRTYONE LAST. LETTER WITH COMPLETE DETAILS FOLLOWS.

MC INTIRE

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7-48 MPM KOK FBI WA JG

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CC: MR. []
AND SUPERVISOR
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

*above is checking. Every
effort must be made
to identify "leak". In
a and must be located &
all efforts made to pro-
ceed.*

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: February 14, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: ROBERT MAHEU AND ASSOCIATES

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I sent for Former Special Agent Robert Maheu on the afternoon of February 14th and advised him that we were getting sick and tired at numerous reports which had reached the Bureau to the effect that Maheu and his Associates have entry to the FBI; that they can get information from the FBI; that while we dislike unpleasant situations, nevertheless such allegations strike at the very heart of the Bureau's integrity and the next time a situation such as this develops we have no choice but to immediately ask for a full Grand Jury inquiry into the allegations since they bear upon our integrity and we do not intend to continue permitting such misinformation to be circulated.

Maheu was taken back. He said that no one has been making such statements in his organization; that if he knew of anyone who made such statements he would promptly fire them; that such allegations are not true; that it would be inconsistent with his methods of operation to get information from FBI files if he could; that as a matter of fact he has not taken any business wherein there was a controversy between the business and the Government, nor would he take a case wherein his client would have been investigated by the Bureau. He further stated that he makes it clear to all of his clients that while his organization is made up of ex FBI Agents, they cannot guarantee to perform miracles and he makes the specific point that they do not have access to Bureau files. He stated that he would be very glad to compile a list of all his clients and give them to us with the request that we go out and conduct an independent inquiry. I told Maheu that we were not interested in a list of his clients at this time; that if the situation developed wherein this would be desirable then we would ask for it or a Grand Jury would ask for it.

I told Maheu that we simply were not going to continue putting up with such allegations as have been made which date back to the time Charlie Lyons went to England; that the persistency of the allegations are such as to indicate they have more than one origin. Maheu professed loyalty to the Bureau. He volunteered the information that there had been the one incident dealing with the SAC Letter which had occurred when he was out of town and that he had told the staff that this was not to be discussed; that shortly thereafter one member of the

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staff did discuss it and he fired him. He mentioned no names, but, of course, was referring to former Special Agent Howard Leahy. He kept protesting that he had made no statement indicating access to the Bureau. I told him that as a matter of fact in one of the allegations which we had the intimation was that he was the source of such a statement. He denied this and stated that he would like to confront anyone who would make such a statement; that it was a lie and he then tried to prove how stupid it would be for him to make such a statement; that he wanted the Bureau's good will; that the Bureau could do irreparable harm to him and he wanted no controversy with the Bureau. I told him we were not seeking controversy with him, but were merely telling him what our position was and that we fully intended to do exactly what I had related to him.

He stated that he would be in full accord with such an action; that he, himself, would welcome a Grand Jury investigation; that if any one of his staff has made such statements they could not remain and do not belong in his organization; that if anyone on his staff has made such statements and he can prove them he will very promptly dismiss them from his service. He then pointed out that he had the following individuals working with him: ~~Former~~ Special Agent ~~Charlie~~ Lyons - London, ~~Former~~ Special Agents ~~Lou~~ Russell, ~~Ray~~ Taggart, ~~William~~ Reddin and ~~Jim~~ O'Leary. The last two he stated were working on a part time basis. He then pointed out that he has another individual working for him, John Gerrity, who is not a former Agent, but was formerly a newspaperman. He stated that he did know that Gerrity at times exaggerated. I told him that I knew Gerrity and so far as I knew he had not been linked to the statements made to us. He then pointed out that in a limited number of instances where there are individuals ^{leads} in cities outside of Washington he contacts former Agents in those cities who handle the leads for him. He mentioned that within the next few days he is going to send a case to Former Special Agent DuBois in Miami. He then pointed out that his principle cases have been the following:

Senate Banking and Currency Committee FHA investigation

New York Central Railroad - securing proxies for

Onassis Shipping case. On this Maheu claims that he cleared every move with the State Department and "the boys across the way," whom he did not describe, but whom it was assumed was CIA.

Gainesville, Georgia, inquiry into corruption

Public Utility Case retained by

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contact with this law firm is [REDACTED]

They have had contacts with Richard Moser, a special agent for Loeb of the Manchester, New Hampshire, newspaper which they handled for Senator Bridges.

He further pointed out that they have had a series of "piddling cases."

Maheu stated that if there was any question in our minds about them he would be glad to have every file in his office opened up and reviewed by whoever the Bureau would designate. He also stated that he had purposely stayed away from several friends of his in the Bureau since the incident pertaining to the SAC letter because he did not want to cause a reflection to be cast upon anyone.

He further stated that the only contact he had had with a Bureau Agent was with our Legal Attache in Rome, Peter Cattaneo, whom he contacted to give copies of the Onassis documents. Cattaneo advised us of this contact and he denied that there were any other contacts. Shortly after Maheu left, Mr. H. L. Edwards' memorandum of February 11th came across my desk referring to SAC Soucy's letter of February 8th referring to a telephone call from Maheu referring to when Soucy's retirement might take place, indicating that Maheu would offer Soucy a position. Maheu did not, of course, tell of this incident. Perhaps he would not think this fit the case since he was talking in terms of contacts pertaining to information.

In the course of the conversation in referring to the SAC Letter incident Maheu stated he did not personally know the details. I told him that this was a matter of concern to us. He stated it was a matter of concern to him because the Director has a right to send out any kind of communication he desires and no one in his organization has a right to inquire into it. He again reiterated on how he fired one former Agent, referring to former SA Howard Leahy. I asked Maheu exactly how he had gotten the information. He stated that he did not know who from the Bureau gave it; that it came to them by a person no longer in the Bureau. He then stated that the person who gave the information to them first called on the telephone and then there were two visits by members of his staff to the former Agent. I inquired what the former Agent was doing. He stated that he was a businessman. This, of course, is one of the versions that Howard Leahy told us;

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namely, that former SA John ~~Murphy~~ was starting a restaurant and had advised them of it.

Another version is that former Special Agent ~~William Statten~~ stated that he first learned of the SAC Letter on October 8, 1954; that he had received a telephone call from former SA John Murphy who told [] that he had heard on the previous evening that the Bureau had issued an SAC Letter regarding the Maheu Associates. [] later told an Agent in the Field Office when I talked to him he could not tell me the source of his information. He advised me that he had learned of this through Agents of the Washington Field Office who had joked with him about it. Supervisor Obendorf of the Field Office in a conversation with former SA John Murphy was advised by Murphy that he first heard about the SAC Letter on Thursday evening, October 17th, when he received a telephone call from a Bureau Supervisor asking him why Maheu was on the Bureau's black list. Murphy gave the explanation that the Bureau supervisor was not giving him information but was seeking a reason for the Bureau's putting out this material on Maheu Associates.

There, of course, has been considerable speculation as it is obvious that there is widespread covering up. We have not interviewed John Murphy officially. I am inclined to think it would have its merits to send for John Murphy and ask him exactly how he got the information. He probably will not tell us, but will probably make him cautious in the future and should he not tell us then I think we would be thoroughly justified in letting the word get out in view of the fact that Murphy was not cooperative that the Bureau would look with disfavor upon Agents hanging out there in his restaurant since it is not a secure place from the standpoint of information.

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ex. [unclear]
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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 2/18/55

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: ~~X~~ROBERT MAHEU/AND ASSOCIATES

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0 I have been reliably informed that former Special Agent John Murphy, who figured in the leak on the SAC Letter pertaining to Maheu and Associates, changed considerably around Christmas time. He was reported to be living at the Dodge Hotel with one of the waitresses at the restaurant. He has been drinking excessively and several former Agents who were friendly with him have been giving him a wide berth. Robert Maheu is reported to have loaned Murphy \$1500 at the time he was remodeling the restaurant.

I believe it would be inadvisable to interview Murphy at this time in view of another development which I believe will give us the true story as to exactly how the leak occurred. This will be followed closely.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE:

FROM : M. A. Jones

February 14, 1955

SUBJECT: INQUIRY REGARDING THE STATUS OF
LEON G. TURROU, FORMER SPECIAL AGENT

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The Bureau is in receipt of a letter dated February 7, 1955, from Mr. James Stewart, Director, Frank B. Hall and Company, Inc., 67 Wall Street, New York 5, New York, in which he indicates that a friend of his living in Paris has had Leon G. Turrou recommended to him as a private investigator. He has received secondhand information that Turrou may have been fired with prejudice from his employment with the FBI. His purpose in writing is to verify or disprove this. He makes very commendatory remarks concerning the reputation of the FBI.

In a memo dated February 3, 1955, from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson, it was pointed out that former Special Agent Bob Maheu advised Inspector John McGuire at 4:00 p.m. on that date that he thought the Director should be alert for correspondence inquiring as to the status of Leon Turrou. Maheu felt an attempt would be made to secure information regarding Turrou having been dismissed from the Bureau with prejudice for the express purpose of using this information in defense of a libel suit in Paris. James Stewart representing Frank B. Hall and Company, Inc., had contacted Maheu and indicated that he was interested in having Maheu conduct an investigation in behalf of Aristoteles Socrates Onassis. It will be recalled that Onassis was charged in a sealed indictment on October 13, 1953, that he conspired with others to violate the false statement statute of the United States by submitting false statements to the U.S. Maritime Commission in the purchase of surplus tankers.) Maheu advised Stewart that in view of the conflict of interest he could not represent Onassis. Apparently Onassis is now being sued for libel in Paris, France, by one Podis. Onassis intends to have former Special Agent Leon Turrou testify as a witness against Podis and he wanted Stewart to find out Turrou's service record with the FBI, and as to whether or not Turrou had been fired with prejudice.

Leon George Turrou entered on duty as a Special Agent of the FBI on April 1, 1929, and was dismissed with prejudice on June 20, 1938, because of steps taken by him in arranging to prepare a series of articles for publication which dealt with information received by him in his official capacity. These articles were to be printed prior to action taken in Federal courts, and the action by Turrou was a violation of a previous agreement which he signed to the effect that he would not divulge confidential information secured in the course

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of his employment with this Bureau. The Personnel File of Turrou indicates that inquiries regarding his employment have been brief and accurate indicating the date of his entrance on duty, as well as the fact that he was dismissed with prejudice as a result of improper activities on his part.

Bufiles reflect no additional information identifiable with Mr. James Stewart.

RECOMMENDATION:

A letter is attached declining to furnish the information to Stewart.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 2-15-55

FROM : Mr. Price

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT:

VICTIM

EXTORTION;

UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION

OR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

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With regard to the [redacted] matter, our Detroit Division by letter 2-12-55 enclosed 5 registration cards obtained from the Tuller Hotel, Detroit, Michigan, reflecting the hotel registration of J. William Redden, believed to be former SA John William Redden (Bufile 67-455698), and one registration card of Robert A. Murphy, believed to be the alias for Robert A. Maheu, former FBI Agent (Bufile 67-172006).

In order to establish that these cards are in the handwriting of these 2 former Special Agents, it is felt that the Laboratory Division should compare the handwriting on the registration cards with specimens of known handwritings of the 2 Agents as contained in the above-mentioned Bureau personnel files.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached letter from Detroit 2-12-55 containing the enclosed registration cards of Redden and Murphy be forwarded to the Documents Section of the Laboratory for appropriate comparison with the known handwriting specimens contained in the personnel files of John William Redden and Robert A. Maheu.

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cc: Mr. Parsons - 7621

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TO : Mr. Rosen *✓*

DATE: 2/15/55

FROM : Mr. Price *gfp*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT:

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On 2/14/55 you were furnished with a detailed summary memorandum concerning this entire case, pointing out that we had received allegations to the effect that (1) [REDACTED] telephones in Washington and Detroit were tapped, (2) Redden (believed to be former SA John William Redden) was supposed to have received information from the Internal Revenue Service Office through a couple of "leaks" in the Washington Office of the FBI, and (3) Robert A. Maheu told Barris he could get any information he wanted from the FBI.

ACTION TAKEN:

1. On 2/14/55 we telephonically contacted our Detroit Division instructing Detroit to again reinterview [REDACTED] who made the allegations of "leaks" in the FBI in order that we can have [REDACTED] reduce to writing in the form of a signed statement, under oath, the allegations that he has made. ASAC Bock of our Detroit Division advised that all Agent personnel of the Detroit Division have been instructed to have no contact with John E. Holmes, former Special Agent who attempted to have SA Rhoades of the Detroit Division set up a "plant" for Holmes as mentioned in my memorandum 2/14/55. The Detroit Agents were also instructed to remain away from and have no contact with any former Special Agent at this time.

2. On 2/14/55, New York was telephonically instructed to forward to the Bureau the registration cards of Maheu and Taggart, who registered in New York hotels when contacting [REDACTED] in New York, in order that the handwritings on the registration cards can be compared with the known handwriting specimens of the former Agents as contained in the Bureau's personnel files.

3. Washington Field is aware of the fact that no Agent who is friendly with Maheu or any of his associates involved in this case should be working on the case. On 2/14/55, ASAC Fletcher was telephonically contacted and reminded of this fact.

cc: ~~Mr. Nichols~~~~Mr. Mohr~~~~Mr. Parsons~~

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Memorandum for Mr. Rosen

When Detroit advises us whether or not it has received a signed statement from [] in Detroit, we will then be ready to interview John Holmes, John Frank, Ray Taggart, John Redden and Robert A. Maheu. We feel that these interviews should be made simultaneously because of the close tie-up between Maheu and his associates. In view of the close tie-up between these individuals, it seems that the only effective way to handle these interviews is to coordinate them so that they can be handled at the same time. We will insure that each field office who will handle one or more of the simultaneous interviews is fully apprised of the complete facts of this case.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

When Detroit advises us whether or not it has been able to obtain a signed statement from [] in Detroit, appropriate recommendations to have the field simultaneously interview Holmes, Frank, Taggart, Redden and Maheu, will be made.

We are closely supervising this case and all pertinent developments will be brought to your attention.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: February 14, 1955

FROM : Mr. Price

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT: [REDACTED] - VICTIM
EXTORTION;
UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR
USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

SYNOPSIS:

This case first came to our attention when Washington, D. C., attorney [REDACTED] came to see Mr. Nichols 1/24/55 advising that [REDACTED] was called by an individual (later determined to be [REDACTED] Detroit) who indicated [REDACTED] is under surveillance and his phones were tapped and the caller mentioned physical harm to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] interviewed 2/3/55 - no extortion violation but possibly a violation of the Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications (UPUC) Statute; also, allegation was made of possible "leaks" in Washington Office of the FBI.

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The issue surrounding this matter involves a dispute between [REDACTED] of the American Natural Gas Company, Detroit and the Panhandle Gas Corporation of Detroit. American Natural Gas Company has received a conditional certificate of necessity from the Federal Power Commission to build gas pipeline from Louisiana to Michigan, and it is alleged Panhandle is attempting to utilize every conceivable means including a fund of \$250,000 to thwart American Natural Gas Company. It is alleged that \$100,000 of this fund is to be used to "get" [REDACTED]. Further alleged that "Robert A. Maheu Associates" is employed by Panhandle.

On 2/10/55, former SA John E. Holmes telephonically contacted SA Robert M. Rhoades, second man of our Detroit Office, requesting Rhoades to advise if he knew anyone who could set up a "plant" for Holmes. Rhoades said he could not and warned Holmes such activity was a violation of Federal law over which the FBI has jurisdiction. On 2/11/55, Holmes told Rhoades he had gotten a contact to do the job and the deal involved \$150,000,000 with regard to a gas pipeline. Rhoades feels Holmes was willing to engage him (Rhoades) if he would accept.

Original Allegation RECORDED - 36

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#1. [REDACTED] phones in Washington, D. C. and Detroit alleged to be tapped and [REDACTED] under constant surveillance.

cc: Mr. Nichols
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons

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#2. That Redden (believed to be former SA John William Redden) supposed to have received information from Internal Revenue Office through a couple of "leaks" in Washington Office of the FBI.

#3. That Robert A. Maheu told [] he could get any information he wanted from the FBI.

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Action Taken Re Allegations:

#1. Detroit and Washington Field Offices conducted preliminary investigation and no evidence obtained to indicate tap is present on [] phones; however, there is an indication tap has been utilized.

#2 and #3. [] original source of [] information, interviewed twice. In second interview, 2/12/55, [] says he could not under oath state that FBI or its personnel had furnished Maheu with information, or that Redden or Maheu made any specific statements that information had been obtained from FBI, but it was his impression from the implications made by Redden and Maheu that they had obtained information through their FBI contacts. He said that Maheu made general statements to the effect that he, Maheu, through his FBI contacts could find out anything he wanted to know about any United States Senator.

RECOMMENDATION:

The nature of the allegations could have a far-reaching effect in this case if the allegations are true. This matter has been given preferred and continuous supervision both at the Bureau and in the field. Every angle of this case is being considered and every lead is being expeditiously handled. We have instructed the field to run out every lead in a minute manner. We will promptly analyze the results of our investigation when received from the field and make appropriate recommendations. You will be advised of all pertinent developments.

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Original Complaint:

On 1/24/55, [] a Washington, D. C., attorney came to the Bureau and was interviewed by Mr. Nichols. [] stated he has an account with the American Natural Gas Company which received a conditional certificate of necessity to build a gas pipeline from Louisiana to Michigan. He said the operating head of the American Natural Gas Company is [] who maintains an apartment in Washington, D. C., and an apartment in the Whittier Hotel, Detroit, Michigan. [] stated [] believed he is under surveillance, and that his phones are being tapped.

According to [] received a phone call from a man giving his name as [] but stated it was an alias. [] said he might want to get a job with [] and further, that [] is a marked man.

On 1/24/55, [] received a call in Washington, D. C., from Detroit and the caller told [] about his, [] movements and said "they" were going to get him dead or alive or through character assassination. [] was of the opinion that the caller was with the Panhandle Corporation of Detroit.

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First Interview With []

By teletype 2/3/55 our Detroit Office advised that [] was interviewed and stated that a caller who gave his name as [] (but said this was not his true name) told [] in a telephone conversation 1/24/55 that he was an employee of a competing company and gave [] a detailed account of [] activities from 1/12/55 to the time of the call 1/24/55. The caller said that a competing company had a budget of \$150,000 to block American Natural Gas Company from building a pipeline from the South to Michigan and a \$100,000 fund to get Steinbaugh by character assassination or have thugs from Kansas City do the job. He received a second call from York who told him he thought [] phone was tapped. [] said he was employed by the "Robert A. Maheu Associates" of Washington, D. C., and this firm was employed by the Panhandle Natural Gas Company. [] said he knew [] identity, but refused to furnish our Detroit Office with his name because [] refused to be identified to the FBI or be interviewed. [] according to [] was employed by Maheu until 2/1/55 when dismissed.

[] told [] that he believed [] Washington apartment phone was tapped and a recording device kept next door in apartment [] Northwest [] said the tap was removed each time [] left Washington, D. C.

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[] said he was never threatened in the telephone calls from Detroit. This eliminated any possible extortion case.

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Second Interview With []

By teletype 2/9/55, our Washington Field Office (WFO) advised [] was reinterviewed. [] identified [] as [] residing at Birmingham, Michigan. [] said [] once worked for former SA John Frank, now a Washington, D. C., attorney. [] believed Frank put [] in touch with Robert A. Maheu Associates for a position as investigator in Detroit.

[] said that [] told him that Redden was supposed to have received information from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) office through a couple of "leaks" in the Washington Office of the FBI. [] also told [] that Redden, referred to as Jack Redden, was the one who was installing telephone taps in Detroit and Washington, D. C., and was also in charge of the [] investigation. WFO believes Redden possibly identical with former SA John William Redden who resigned 7/30/54 from WFO.

First Interview With [] NY 55

On 2/10/55, [] was interviewed by our Detroit Office. Detroit stated that much of the information furnished by [] was attributed by [] to a Washington "source" whom he refused to identify. However, [] stated that this person was the individual who put him in touch with Robert A. Maheu Associates in the first instance and recommended him to Maheu for the job. According to [] this "source" obtains his information on a confidential basis from Ray Taggart, an employee of Maheu and believed to be a former FBI Agent.

In a teletype 2/9/55, WFO identified the person recommending [] to Maheu as John Frank, a Washington, D. C., attorney and ex-FBI Agent. Detroit stated that confirming the information in WFO teletype is the fact that at one time during the questioning of [] 2/10/55, relative to his "source," [] slipped and referred to him as "John."

Allegations Re Possible Extortion Violation:

[] advised that he has no information of any threats of violence against []. He obtained his only information regarding a possible extortion violation from William Redden, an employee of Maheu Associates and from Maheu personally. He said that Redden informed him in Detroit 1/8/55 that they were interested in obtaining derogatory information to discredit [] and if necessary, they would "frame" [] but the "frame" would be subject to substantiation by some true facts and circumstances.

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[] said that in a conference he had with Maheu in New York 1/25 or 1/26/55, Maheu stated that his clients had a fund of \$150,000 to be used to discredit [] has no information from any source concerning any \$100,000 fund to be utilized to employ hoodlums from Kansas City or any other place.

It should be noted that in previous interviews, [] advised that [] had informed him of the \$150,000 fund and also of a \$100,000 fund to be used to hire a gang from Kansas City to "get [] if the character assassination failed.

Information Re Possible
Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications
(UPUC) Statute

[] stated he had no information indicating a tap had been placed in the victim's office phone in Detroit. He believed, however, that a tap had been placed on the victim's phone at his residence at the Whittier Hotel, Detroit. He believed this because he stated that Redden had asked him to place a tap on the Whittier Hotel phone but [] did not have the technical knowledge and he told Redden he knew of no one who could install the tap.

Subsequently, in a telephone call, [] "source" advised him to be most discreet in what he said over [] Whittier Hotel phone because the "source" believed a tap had been placed on this line.

With reference to the telephone at the victim's Washington, D. C. office, [] advised he had no information indicating any tap of that telephone. He believed, however, that the telephone at the victim's residence in Washington, D. C., had been tapped. [] Washington "source" learned that the tap at [] residence in Washington, D. C., had allegedly been effected with the assistance of a person in the apartment next to [] and that the recording device used was kept in this apartment, and that the tap was only in effect during the time the victim was in Washington.

Allegations of FBI Agents
Furnishing Information to Robert A. Maheu Associates

[] advised that in his conversation with Redden and Maheu, they told him that they had contacts with the FBI in Washington, D. C. [] specifically said that Redden told him he was able to obtain IRS reports through FBI employees. It was [] impression that someone presently employed as an FBI Agent obtained the reports from the IRS and then furnished them to Redden.

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[] said that Redden and Maheu both mentioned that they have ready access to confidential bank records. [] stated that the information pertaining to their having secured records of [] at the Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit was obtained from his Washington "source." [] said he is under the impression that Maheu obtained the bank records through his FBI contacts.

[] specifically stated that Redden and Maheu both told him that they could obtain any type of record they desired from the FBI. [] said it is his impression that they get information through an Agent who handles FBI records and he believes that this Agent is in charge of obtaining bank records. [] had no positive or specific information regarding any FBI employee furnishing information to Maheu Associates. He said it was his opinion that Redden and Maheu had a contact with the FBI employee who was responsible for obtaining bank records throughout the country.

[] stated that he felt that Redden was trying to impress him in relating that he has good contacts among employees of the FBI. He added that in the case of Maheu, he is of the opinion that Maheu actually does have good FBI contacts.

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With regard to his employment by Robert A. Maheu Associates, [] stated he was recommended for the job by his Washington "source." He said that on about 1/18/55, he was interviewed at the Tuller Hotel, Detroit, by William Redden. Redden told [] he was interested in obtaining information on [] and [] Detroit attorneys. Redden told [] that [] is a close friend of Nelson Lee Smith, a commissioner of the Federal Power Commission.

[] stated that Redden was anxious to develop information regarding the association between [] and [] a presidential assistant. [] said that [] allegedly has access to White House records through [] and can obtain anything he desires from the White House through that contact.

[] said he obtained the information regarding [] association with [] when Redden on one occasion, while at the Tuller Hotel, left the room and allowed a folder to remain on the bed. [] said he quickly checked the contents of the folder while Redden was out of the room. He observed a paper relating to [] association with []

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[] also informed that on 1/20/55 he met Robert A. Maheu in Detroit. He said he believed Maheu's purpose in coming to Detroit was to "look over" [] He recalled that Maheu registered at the Tuller Hotel under the name of Robert ~~Murphy~~. *McH N*

[] stated that during the week of 1/24/55, he made a trip to New York City where he again met Robert Maheu. He recalled Maheu stayed at the Russell House and occupied Room 509.

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Second Interview With []

Our Detroit Office reinterviewed [] 2/12/55.

He stated that he was first in touch with Redden on 1/11/55 rather than 1/18/55.

He was specifically questioned relative to the discrepancies between the story furnished by him previously to our Agents and a story furnished to our Detroit Office* by [] as [] had allegedly received it from [] denied ever telling [] that he had surveilled him; denied that he had ever been at the Washington office of Maheu or had ever obtained any information by a review of the records in Maheu's Washington office. [] again denied ever furnishing any information to [] relative to any fund set up other than the \$150,000 fund previously mentioned.

[] was again questioned in detail concerning statements that Redden and Maheu had a contact in the FBI that would furnish them with general information and had furnished them with [] or information from [] of [] At this interview, [] said that while he was talking to [] and Maheu in the Tuller Hotel in Detroit on 1/13/55, they both made the statement that they were "in a position to get anything they wanted from the FBI." Maheu, in New York, according to [] also made the allegation that he could get anything through the FBI that he wanted to know about any United States Senator. [] stated that in the same conversation at Detroit in which Redden and Maheu mentioned their FBI contacts and as a continuation of it, Redden and Maheu talked about their obtaining information from the [] and [] of [] said they made no specific statement that the information from the [] and [] had been obtained from the FBI but it was his impression from the fact that all of these items were mentioned at almost the same time that Maheu and Redden were implying, at least, that they had obtained [] and [] through their FBI contacts.

* AND WFO

[] advised that he could not state under oath that Redden and Maheu had said the FBI or its personnel had furnished Maheu with that information. [] advised that Maheu made no specific statements in New York concerning any items of information received other than the general statement that through FBI contacts he could find out anything he wanted to know about any United States Senator.

[] again refused to give any written statement, whether it be under oath or not. He said he would be willing to tell his story before a grand jury because it is the truth and he might later change his mind about giving a signed statement, but that as of this time, he would have to decline. Our Detroit Office will continue in its efforts to obtain a signed statement from []

Discrepancies Between the Story Furnished by []
to the Detroit Office and the Story Furnished by
[] to []

1. In his conversation with [] stated that he was employed by Robert A. Maheu Associates to surveil [] beginning on 1/12/55. In his first statement to the Detroit Office, [] said his first contact and the date he began his employment with Maheu was 1/18/55.

In the second interview, he stated that he was first in touch with Redden on 1/11/55 rather than 1/18/55.

2. [] told [] he had surveilled him while in Detroit and on the way to Washington, D. C., and during the time [] was in Washington just prior to 1/24/55. Also, that [] had had an opportunity and did observe the files of Maheu and learned the results of their surveillances of [] in Washington. He further told [] that the information showing telephone taps came from his seeing records in [] office in Washington.

He told our Detroit Office that he never conducted surveillances of [] en route to Washington and as a matter of fact, had not been in Washington and thus had no opportunity to look at the Maheu files. He stated that he told our Detroit Office that his information relative to telephone taps and surveillances of [] came from his [] "source" in Washington.

3. In conversations with [] he told [] that Panhandle had set up a \$250,000 budget, \$100,000 of which was designed to "get [] and the other \$150,000 to block American Natural Gas Company's application.

At the time he was questioned in the Detroit Office, [] stated that he had no information concerning this money other than that obtained from Maheu to the effect that \$150,000 had been set aside to pay for the obtaining of derogatory information concerning []. He claimed he never heard of any \$100,000 fund until he observed a memorandum in the office of [] (by whom he is employed) on 2/10/55 mentioning the \$100,000 figure.

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Background and Evaluation of []

Bureau indices contain no record of [].

Our Detroit Office advised that [] stated he was born on [] at Brooklyn, New York, and that he presently resides at [] Birmingham, Michigan, where he has unlisted telephone number []. He stated he has had 8½ years experience as an investigator for various U.S. Government agencies. Among these agencies he listed the Intelligence Section of the Air Corps, where he was employed from 1942 through 1944. From 1944 until 1951 he was employed as a Price Analyst by the Detroit Ordnance District and during most of 1951 and 1952 he was employed as an investigator for Office of Price Stabilization. On terminating that employment he said he worked as a [] for the []. He stated that he was unemployed for the five months just prior to his working for Robert A. Maheu, Associates.

The fact that [] betrayed his employer, Robert A. Maheu Associates, is evidence of his lack of scruples. [] employer of [] advised on 2/10/55 that he does not have confidence in [] in that he does not know whether [] can be trusted.

In the interview with [] on 2/10/55, he stated that if American Natural Gas Company¹⁵ convinced that they should hire him as an investigator, he feels he can obtain specific evidence of violations of Federal laws and of misconduct of Bureau employees. [] suggested that if the FBI recommended to [] that American Natural Gas hire him it would do so.

It is believed that [] may possibly still be an employee of Robert A. Maheu Associates, and is endeavoring to obtain the confidence of [] in order to develop information which could be valuable to Maheu's client, Panhandle Natural Gas. [] could give no logical explanation for the sudden termination of his employment as an investigator for Maheu. [] said he was paid at the rate of \$100 a day while working for Maheu but admitted that he had to "kick back" a part of his earnings to his Washington "source" who had recommended him for the job.

Investigation re UPUC Violation

Detroit and WFO conducted preliminary investigation regarding a possible violation of the wire tapping statute, Title 47, U.S. Code (605) in view of the allegations that Steinbaugh's telephones were alleged to be tapped.

Our Detroit Office has advised that the Michigan Bell Telephone Company checked the telephone lines of Steinbaugh's residence and office, and no evidence was found of a wire tap.

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WFO advised that the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company checked the telephone lines of Steinbaugh's office and apartment, and no evidence of a wire tap was found.

Contact Between SA Robert M. Rhoades, Detroit Office and Former SA John E. Holmes, Re Setting Up of a "Plant"

SA Robert M. Rhoades, sound man of our Detroit Office, advised that former SA John E. Holmes telephonically contacted him 2/10/55 inquiring if Rhoades knew any one who could set up a "plant" for him.

Rhoades advised Holmes he did not and told him wire tapping was a violation of Federal law over which the FBI has jurisdiction. He also told Holmes he would hate to see an ex-FBI Agent go to jail. Holmes laughed this off.

On 2/11/55, Holmes saw Rhoades and stated he has ^acontact who has a tape recording unit who will do the job. Rhoades again reminded Holmes about violating the Federal law and Holmes said this matter involves a \$150,000,000 deal re a gas pipeline.

Rhoades said it is apparent that Holmes was willing to engage his (Rhoades) services if Rhoades saw fit to accept the offer.

Detroit states there is little doubt but that this matter referred to by Holmes is the same matter involved in the present Steinbaugh case.

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1. In analyzing the information received at the Bureau to date concerning this matter, the implications and allegations are of a most serious nature and should under no circumstances be overlooked.

2. However, we must also take into consideration the reliability of [redacted] who appears to be unscrupulous, unethical and thus far, the allegations that he has made have been unsupported by evidence. In fact, discrepancies have already been noted concerning the information that he has furnished during the two interviews conducted with him.

3. The course of action that we take in this case should be seriously considered before proceeding. There is the possibility that this entire proceeding may wind up in a grand jury hearing and possible prosecution.

Memorandum to Mr. Rosen

4. There is also the possibility that former Agents would be called as subjects or witnesses to testify and they might possibly go off on a tangent expressing themselves regarding their Bureau training, work and experiences.

5. It is felt that we should fully extend ourselves in the investigation of every phase of this case, but we should also proceed with caution in view of the above observations in order to preclude any embarrassment or criticism which would be leveled at the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 12, 1955

FROM : SAC, Detroit (67-515)

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~ (U)AMSD

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;

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Attention: Assistant Director A. ROSEN

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Re DE P and C letter February 11, 1955 and mytel February 12, 1955.

Inquiry of [redacted] Tuller Hotel, Detroit, Michigan, disclosed the following registrations for JOHN W. REDDEN:

J. W. REDDEN, 5310 28th Parkway, S. E.,
Washington 21, D. C., 12/27/54, 11:09 a.m.,
to December 30, 1954, 11:52 a.m., Room 1449,
Registration No. 92506.J. WILLIAM REDDEN, 5310 28th Parkway, S. E.,
Washington 21, D. C., representing E. I. DuPont
de Nemours, Wilmington, Delaware, 1/4/55, 12:10 p.m.,
to 1/7/55, 11:35 a.m., Room 740, Registration No.
93475.J. WILLIAM REDDEN, 5310 28th Parkway, S. E.,
Washington 21, D. C., representing ROBERT A.
MAHEU and Associates, Washington, D. C., 1/11/55,
4:08 p.m., to 1/14/55, 11:38 a.m., Room 775,
Registration No. 94485.J. WILLIAM REDDEN, 5310 28th Parkway, S. E.,
Washington 21, D. C., 1/13/55, 4:10 p.m., to
1/21/55, 11:27 a.m., Room 675, Registration No. 95346.J. W. REDDEN, 5310 28th Parkway, S. E., Washington 31,
D. C., 1/25/55, 12:45 p.m., to 1/28/55, 10:32 a.m.,
Room 975, Registration No. 96018.

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The records also reflected the following registration for ROBERT A. MURPHY, the alias allegedly used by ROBERT A. MAHEU at the time he had a conference with [REDACTED] in Detroit:

ROBERT A. MURPHY representing ROBERT A. MACH Company and Associates, Washington, D. C., 1/13/55, 12:58 p.m., to 1/14/55, 836 a.m., Room 1253, Registration No. 94863.

On the registration cards for REDDEN, all of the writing in ink is the writing of the person representing himself as J. W. REDDEN. The pencil notations on the card have been placed there by personnel of the hotel.

The writing on registration card No. 94863, showing the guest's name as ROBERT A. MURPHY, is the writing of the person representing himself as ROBERT A. MURPHY, with the exception of the pencil notations, and the firm name, ROBERT A. MACH Company and Associates, is the writing of a hotel clerk.

The date of registration is stamped on the face of the registration card. The checkout date is on the back of the registration card.

[REDACTED] Tuller Hotel, was advised that the cards would be returned to him at some future date.

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Registration cards referred to above are being forwarded as enclosures so that the Bureau may have handwriting comparisons made if deemed advisable.

Inquiry was made at the Detroit Ordnance District on February 11, 1955 in an effort to verify the employment there of [REDACTED]. On that date [REDACTED] Detroit Arsenal, Van Dyke, Michigan, advised that one [REDACTED] phone [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a white U.S. citizen by birth, born [REDACTED] and a non-veteran, had been employed as a [REDACTED] from 10/28/50 to 1/21/51, at which time he resigned to assume a position as a [REDACTED] which position he maintained until 5/9/51, at which time he resigned to accept another position.

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Subsequent to [REDACTED] resignation, his personnel file was forwarded to the Office of Price Stabilization, 1620 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Since OPS is no longer in existence, a teletype was sent to St. Louis on February 11, 1955 requesting a check at the Federal Records Center to locate additional employment on [REDACTED]

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Referenced Detroit teletype furnished information concerning a contact between JOHN E. HOLMES, former Special Agent and SA ROBERT M. RHOADES of the Detroit Office on February 10 and 11, 1955. Attached is a detailed memorandum from Special Agent RHOADES concerning that contact. There appears to be little doubt what that the matter referred to by HOLMES is the matter under investigation in this case. Pending instructions of the Bureau, no contact is being made with HOLMES and any contact had by him with SA RHOADES will be handled in the same manner as previous contacts referred to in Mr. RHOADES' memo.

[REDACTED] was located by Agents of this office and appeared at the office for interview at 11:00 a.m. today. He was at that time questioned by ASAC WILLIAM K. BOCK and SA PALMER M. WEE. The information furnished by him is as follows:

He states now that he was first in touch with REDDEN on January 11, 1955 rather than January 18. In reconstructing he placed the date as January 11 because he talked to REDDEN in two separate weeks prior to his telephone call to the Victim on January 24, 1955. This information is confirmed by the fact that within a day or two of his first contact with REDDEN, he was interviewed by ROBERT A. MAHEU. He knows that REDDEN made a reservation at the Tuller Hotel for MAHEU under the name of ROBERT A. MURPHY. The hotel records at the Tuller as noted above reflect a registration for ROBERT A. MURPHY on January 13, 1955.

He was again specifically questioned relative to the discrepancies between the story furnished by him to Agents of this office and the story furnished to this office by the Victim as the Victim allegedly received it from [REDACTED] Specifically,

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he denied ever telling the Victim that he had surveilled him by car from Detroit to Washington, D. C. on January 12, 1955 or shortly thereafter; that he had ever been in Washington office of MAHEU or that he had ever obtained any information by a review of the records in MAHEU's Washington office. He said he had not been in Washington within the last year and a half and had no idea where MAHEU's office was located except that it was across the street from the office of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] previously mentioned in correspondence in this case. With regard to surveillances of [REDACTED] he advised that he had never surveilled [REDACTED] on any occasion prior to his contact on January 24, 1955 had seen him only once and that was when [REDACTED] was pointed out to him by REDDEN in the Penobscot Building in Detroit where [REDACTED] has his office. He denied telling the Victim that MAHEU and Associates had [REDACTED] for the last ten years or that they had [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] Detroit for the past three years. [REDACTED] again denied ever furnishing any information to [REDACTED] relative to any fund set up other than the \$150,000 fund mentioned in previous correspondence. It will be recalled that this amount was mentioned by MAHEU to [REDACTED] in a conversation in New York on January 25, 1955.

During the interview, [REDACTED] clarified his previous story by advising that the \$800 which he received from REDDEN had been paid to him on the morning of January 14, 1955, shortly after REDDEN received a \$1,000 Western Union Money Order from Washington, D. C. [REDACTED] was with REDDEN at the time he obtained this Money Order at the Park Avenue Branch of the Western Union at Detroit and at the time he cashed the Money Order.

He was again specifically questioned concerning the sources of information he furnished to [REDACTED] He said that the information relative to the telephone conversation concerning [REDACTED] trip to Houston [REDACTED] learned from his Washington source. Also coming from the source was the information concerning the appointment that [REDACTED] made with NELSON LEE SMITH, PFC Commissioner.

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At this time he also advised that he had mentioned to [redacted] that [redacted] had lost a million dollars in his business operations in 1954. This information also came from [redacted] Washington Source who specifically advised [redacted] that the information had come from a telephone tap on the Victim's residential phone in Washington. Additional information coming from [redacted] Washington source furnished to the Victim included a caution against using the Victim's telephone in Detroit; that REDDEN and MAHEU had an "in" with the FBI and information to the effect that MAHEU and Associates had obtained information in the Victim's [redacted]. The other information furnished by [redacted] to [redacted] concerning character assassination, the \$150,000 fund to be used to discredit [redacted] the proposal to "frame" [redacted] the information relative to [redacted] and in another year [redacted] came from [redacted] and MAHEU. [redacted] and MAHEU also mentioned that they had obtained information from the Victim's [redacted] and from [redacted].

[redacted] was again questioned in detail concerning statements that REDDEN and MAHEU had a contact in the FBI that would furnish them with general information and had furnished them with [redacted] or information from [redacted] of the Victim and also information concerning the [redacted] involved in the [redacted] of the Victim at the Manufacturer's National Bank in Detroit. At this interview [redacted] said that while he was talking to REDDEN and MAHEU in the Tuller Hotel in Detroit on January 13, 1955 they both made the statement that they were "in a position to get anything they wanted from the FBI." MAHEU, in New York, also made the allegation that he could get anything through the FBI that he wanted to know about any U. S. Senator. In the same conversation in Detroit in which REDDEN and MAHEU mentioned their FBI contacts and as a continuation of it, REDDEN and MAHEU talked about their obtaining information from the [redacted] and [redacted] of the Victim. They made no specific statement that the information from the [redacted] and [redacted] had been obtained from the FBI but it was his impression from the fact that all of these items were mentioned at almost the same time that MAHEU and REDDEN were implying at least that they

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had obtained [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] through their FBI contacts. He advised today that he could not state under oath that they had said the FBI or its personnel had furnished MAHEU with that information. MAHEU made no specific statements in New York concerning any items of information received other than the general statement that through FBI contacts he could find out anything he wanted to know about any U. S. Senator.

[REDACTED] volunteered that [REDACTED] recently told him that during the time [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and at that time information regarding his [REDACTED] was obtained. This information [REDACTED] claimed had been turned over to [REDACTED] and was by [REDACTED] turned over to representatives of the Panhandle Corporation. [REDACTED] is a very prominent Detroit [REDACTED] and was [REDACTED] for several years in the late 1940's. In clarifying [REDACTED] contacts with REDDEN and MAHEU, he advised that he talked personally with REDDEN on several occasions during the week of January 11 and again during the week of January 18. He has not seen REDDEN personally since that time. He saw MAHEU personally on January 13 in Detroit and again on January 25 in New York. Also in attendance at the New York conference was RAY TAGGART. He is not personally acquainted with the O'LEARY mentioned in previous correspondence. At the time of his contact with MAHEU and TAGGART in New York, he stayed at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel, registering there on January 25 and leaving January 27.

[REDACTED] again refused to give any written statement whether it be under oath or not. He said he would be willing to tell his story before a Grand Jury because it is the truth and he might later change his mind about giving a signed statement but that as of this time he would have to decline. Continued efforts will be made to obtain a signed statement from him.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 11, 1955

FROM: SAC, Detroit (67-515)

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SUBJECT: UNSUB: [REDACTED]

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ReBuAirtel 2/8/55 and WFO tel 2/9/55.

On receipt of referenced BuAirtel 2/8/55 [REDACTED] a Detroit [REDACTED] who advised he is [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] was telephonically contacted by ASAC WILLIAM K. BOCK. An appointment was made to see him on the morning of 2/10/55 for the purpose of identifying [REDACTED] and arranging to interview [REDACTED]. Prior to this appointment WFO tel 2/9/55 identified [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] who is a reputable [REDACTED] in Detroit and former [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was most cooperative. An interview with [REDACTED] was arranged for the afternoon of 2/10/55.

A major portion of the information furnished by [REDACTED] as set out below, was obtained by him from an individual he would identify only as his Washington "source". He was specifically asked to identify this man and refused. This individual [REDACTED] admitted, was the person who put him in touch with Robert A. Maheu, Associates in the first instance and recommended him for the job to MAHEU. This individual obtains his information on a confidential basis from RAY TAGGART, an employee of MAHEU and believed to be a former FBI Agent.

Referenced WFO tel of 2/9/55 identifies the person recommending [REDACTED] to MAHEU as JOHN FRANK, a Washington attorney and ex-FBI Agent. Confirming the information in WFO tel is the fact that one time during the questioning of [REDACTED] relative to his "source", he slipped and referred to him as "JOHN". In an apparent effort to cover this slip he gave the name JOHN TAYLOR. The TAYLOR part is believed to be false.

Results of the interview with [REDACTED] are being set out below under appropriate subheadings.

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De. of [redacted] advised that he has no information of any threats of violence against [redacted]. He obtained his only information regarding a possible extortion violation from WILLIAM REDDEN, an employee of Robert A. Maheu, Associates, and from MAHEU, personally. REDDEN, at the original contact with [redacted] on January 8, 1955 in Detroit, advised [redacted] that they were interested in the activities of [redacted] and were primarily concerned in obtaining derogatory information which could be used to discredit [redacted] both in Washington and Detroit. [redacted] assignment was aimed only at character and assassination. REDDEN told [redacted] that it would be worth \$25,000 to obtain specific derogatory information and that if necessary it would be perfectly satisfactory to "frame" [redacted]. Any "framing" of [redacted] should, of course, be subject to substantiation by some true facts and circumstances.

At a conference with MAHEU in New York on 1/25 or 26/55 MAHEU advised [redacted] that his clients, whom he did not specifically identify at that time, had set up a fund of \$150,000 to be used to discredit [redacted]. No mention was made of the use of any force or violence and none was implied, so far as [redacted] was aware. [redacted] has no information from any source concerning any \$100,000 fund to be used to employ hoodlums from Kansas City or any other place.

It is noted that in previous interviews [redacted] advised that [redacted] had informed him of the \$150,000 fund and also a \$100,000 fund to be used to hire a gang from Kansas City to "get" [redacted] if the character assassination failed.

[redacted] advised the information he furnished to [redacted] was merely the passing along to him of information obtained by [redacted] from other sources. He said he did not intend to have [redacted] consider it as a threat of any type of physical violence.

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[] stated he had no information indicating a tap had been placed on the Victim's office phone in Detroit. He believes, however, that a tap has been placed on the Victim's phone at his residence in the Whittier Hotel, Detroit. He believes this because when he first talked to REDDEN on January 18, 1955, or a day or two after that, REDDEN asked him to place a tap on the Whittier Hotel phone of the Victim and said he would pay \$250 for the installation and \$100 per day for the time the tap was in use. [] stated he did not have the technical knowledge to place a tap on the phone and so advised REDDEN and further told REDDEN that he knew of no one who could install the tap.

Subsequently, in a telephone call, [] "source" advised him to be most discreet in what he said over the Victim's Whittier Hotel telephone because the "source" believed a tap had been placed on this line. The "source" claimed that the tap had been placed by a telephone man through a tie-in at the hotel switchboard and that a wire recorder was being used on a 24 hour basis to make a record of the conversations. [] received no information during his contacts with the Victim, employees of MAHEU or his "source" confirming the fact that a tap had ever been placed on the Victim's phone at the Whittier Hotel, Detroit.

With reference to the telephone at the Victim's Washington Office, [] advised he had no information indicating any tap of that telephone. He believed, however, that the telephone at the Victim's residence in Washington, D.C. (Hudson 3-3865) had been tapped. He said he was confident of this since within two or three days after his telephone conversation with the Victim on 1/24/55, when he identified himself as [] he received a request from MAHEU to conduct investigation in an effort to identify a [] in Detroit, who was a friend or associate of the Victim. [] Washington "source" further advised him that on one occasion the Victim had called FPC Commissioner NELSON LEE SMITH and made an appointment with him. The Victim subsequently advised [] that he had made such a call. On another occasion [] Washington "source" advised him that [] had made a telephone call regarding a trip to Houston,

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Texas where [REDACTED] The
Victim later confirmed to [REDACTED] that such a trip was contemplated.

From his Washington "source" [REDACTED] learned that this tap at the Victim's residence in Washington, D.C. had allegedly been effected with the assistance of a person in the apartment next to the Victim and that the recording device used was kept in this apartment. The tap was only in effect during the time the Victim was in Washington.

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Allegations of FBI Agents Furnishing Information to
Robert A. Maheu, Associates

[redacted] advised that in his conversations with REDDEN and MAHEU they told him that they had contacts with the FBI in Washington, D.C.. He specifically said that REDDEN told him he was able to obtain [redacted] reports through FBI employees. It was [redacted] impression that someone presently employed as an FBI Agent obtained the reports from the [redacted] and then furnished them to REDDEN.

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[redacted] stated that he learned from his "source" that the [redacted] of [redacted] for the years 1951, 1952 and 1953 had been obtained. One of these [redacted] allegedly reflected that [redacted] had [redacted] which was approximately [redacted] another of these reports [redacted] while in the third report he showed that [redacted] and he [redacted]

[redacted] said that REDDEN and MAHEU both mentioned that they have ready access to confidential [redacted] [redacted] stated that the information pertaining to their having secured records of [redacted] Detroit was obtained by him from his Washington "source". This "source" told [redacted] that MAHEU had secured a complete record of [redacted] and a record of [redacted] [redacted] said he is under the impression that MAHEU obtained the [redacted] through his FBI contacts.

He specifically stated that REDDEN and MAHEU both told him that they could obtain any type of record they desired from the FBI. [redacted] said it is his impression that they get information through an Agent who handles FBI records and he believes that Agent to be in charge of obtaining [redacted] It was explained to [redacted] that there is no such specific assignment in the Bureau and he was unable to furnish any information, other than the above, as to how FBI records are obtained or by whom. [redacted] had no positive or specific information regarding any FBI employee furnishing information to Maheu, Associates. He said it was his opinion that REDDEN and MAHEU had a contact with the FBI employee who was responsible for obtaining [redacted] throughout the country

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and he added that he would be willing to bet that if we asked [redacted] to [redacted]

[redacted] would know within twenty-four hours the amount of the [redacted] MAHEU [redacted] said this could be verified if the FBI maintained a constant watch on the [redacted] to determine whether or not any inquiry concerning it was made.

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[redacted] stated that he felt that REDDEN was trying to impress him in relating that he has good contacts among employees of the FBI. He added that in the case of MAHEU, he is of the opinion that MAHEU actually does have good FBI contacts.

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Background Information Re [redacted] and General
Information Furnished by [redacted]

[redacted] advised he was born on [redacted] at Brooklyn, New York and that he presently resides at [redacted] where he has unlisted telephone number [redacted]. He stated he has had 8½ years experience as an investigator for various U. S. Government agencies. Among these agencies he listed the Intelligence Section of the Air Corps, where he was employed from 1942 through 1944. From 1944 until 1951 he was employed as [redacted] by the Detroit Ordnance District and during most of 1951 and 1952 he was employed as an investigator for OPS. On terminating that employment he said he worked as a [redacted] for the [redacted]. He stated that he was unemployed for the five months just prior to his working for Robert A. Maheu, Associates. b6 b7C

With regard to his employment by Robert A. Maheu, Associates, [redacted] stated that he was [redacted] by his Washington "source". He said that on about January 18, 1955, [redacted] was interviewed at Detroit by one WILLIAM or BILL REDDEN at the Huller Hotel. At the time of the original contact with REDDEN [redacted] was told that MAHEU was interested in obtaining information regarding [redacted]. [redacted] an attorney having offices at [redacted] Detroit. [redacted] recalled that REDDEN told him that [redacted] is a close friend of NELSON LEE SMITH, a Federal Power Commission Commissioner.

[redacted] said he was in personal contact with REDDEN in Detroit on January 19 and 20 and possibly 21, 1955. He recalled that during this week he received an assignment from REDDEN to obtain background information on one [redacted] the former secretary to ex-Michigan Senator HOMER FERGUSON. [redacted] said he understood from REDDEN that [redacted] had been a payoff man between [redacted] and [redacted]. [redacted] added that while in New York City on January 25 and 26, 1955 he was told by MAHEU to forget about obtaining any information regarding the background of [redacted].

[redacted] added that REDDEN was anxious to develop information regarding the association between [redacted] and [redacted] a Presidential Assistant. [redacted] said that [redacted] allegedly has

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[] access to White House records through [] and can obtain anything he desires from the White House through that contact.

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[] said he obtained the information regarding [] association with [] when REDDEN on one occasion, while at the Tuller Hotel, left the room to go to the bathroom and allowed a folder to remain on the bed. [] said he quickly checked the contents of the folder while REDDEN was out of the room. From his momentary glances at the various papers in the folder he observed one relating to [] association with []. He did not, however, have an opportunity to read the various papers.

[] informed that on about 1/20/55 he met ROBERT A. MAHEU in Detroit. He said he believed MAHEU's purpose in coming to Detroit was to "look over" []

He recalled that MAHEU registered at the Tuller Hotel under the name of ROBERT MURPHY.

[] stated that during the week of 1/24/55 he made a trip to New York City where he again met ROBERT MAHEU. He recalled that MAHEU was staying at the Russell House and he believes MAHEU occupied room 509. He does not know whether MAHEU registered under his correct name. At this New York meeting [] said he became acquainted with RAY TAGGART, an associate of MAHEU, who advised [] that he was a former FBI Agent. [] said there appeared to be no special reason for his being called to New York since he received no special assignment there.

[] stated that during his contacts with REDDEN and MAHEU he learned that three members of the [] [] apparently without the knowledge of other [] or the [] were the instigators of the plot to discredit []. He stated two of these three men are (fnu) [] and [] whose first name [] believes to be [] said he suspects the third individual may be LOUIS JOHNSON, Former Secretary of Defense.

When first contacted by REDDEN [] said he was told that he would have an assignment at Memphis, Tennessee, to check up on [] who allegedly had been paid a bribe by [] in connection with some matter involving American-Louisiana and Panhandle. Prior to his obtaining any specific instructions he was advised that Panhandle had won their point in Memphis and thus no investigation would be necessary there.

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☛ [redacted] was questioned concerning the identity of the O'LEARY mentioned in WFO tel, 2/9/55. He stated he does not know O'LEARY personally and to his knowledge O'LEARY is not a former FBI Agent. From general conversation had with REDDEN and others, he understood that O'LEARY is a heavy drinker whose chief duties consist of surveillance work for MAHEU in Washington, D. C.

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Information Re REDDEN and TAGGART

With regard to TAGGART, [] described him as approximately 38-39 years; 5'7" tall, 145 pounds, slender built, and having sharp features. He recalled TAGGART mentioning that [] had recently [] and he believes that TAGGART might have been employed by the FBI as recently as within the last two years.

With regard to REDDEN, [] stated that he was formerly an investigator for the Senator Capehart Committee. While thus employed REDDEN allegedly obtained some incriminating information regarding an employee of [] Commission but because REDDEN did not reveal the information, he now has this Commission employee as a valuable source of information to him in his Detroit investigations.

[] believes that REDDEN left the FBI approximately 15 months ago, since REDDEN told him that he left the FBI to go to work for DuPont and when he failed to get his raise he quit DuPont and went with MAHEU. [] recalled that at the time he looked into REDDEN's folder on the bed at the Tuller Hotel, he saw a copy of a letter of resignation which REDDEN had written to the DuPont Company. In the letter he stated he was resigning because they had not fulfilled their promise to grant him a raise after six months employment.

[] described REDDEN as being approximately 36-37 years, 5'11" tall, 195 pounds, reddish blond curly hair, parted in the center. [] recalled that REDDEN has five children and that his father resides in Buffalo, New York.

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Evaluation of [redacted]

The fact that [redacted] betrayed his employer, Robert A. Maheu. Associates, is evidence of his lack of scruples. [redacted] advised on February 10, 1955 that he does not have confidence in [redacted] in that he does not know whether [redacted] can be trusted.

In the interview with [redacted] on 2/10/55 he stated that if American Natural Gas Company can be convinced that they should hire him as [redacted] he feels he can obtain specific evidence of violations of federal laws and of misconduct of Bureau employees. [redacted] suggested that if the FBI recommended to [redacted] that American Natural Gas hire him, they would do so. b6 b7C

It is quite obvious that [redacted] chief interest is obtaining steady employment which would insure him a secure future.

It is believed possible that [redacted] may still actually be an employee of Robert A. Maheu. Associates and is endeavoring to obtain the confidence of [redacted] in order to develop information which would be very valuable to MAHEU's client, Panhandle Natural Gas.

[redacted] could give no logical explanation for the sudden termination of his employment as an investigator for MAHEU and he said that he has not been contacted by MAHEU since 1/31/55 although he did call MAHEU on 2/5/55 to advise him that [redacted] was then in Washington.

[redacted] said he was paid at the rate of \$100 a day on the days he worked for MAHEU. He stated he earned a total of \$800 and he admitted that he had to "kick back" a part of his earnings to his Washington "source" who had recommended him for the job. He said he is presently employed by [redacted] at the rate of \$600 per month, plus expenses.

[redacted] emphatically refused to furnish a signed statement regarding any of the allegations made by him.

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Discrepancies Between the Story Furnished by [] to the Detroit Office and by [] to Victim []

A comparison of the information furnished by [] to [] and related by him to SAC MC INTIRE and ASAC BOCK on 2/3/55 with the story furnished by [] to ASAC BOCK and SA PALMER M. WEE on 2/10/55 shows the following discrepancies:

1. In his conversation with [] said that he was employed by Robert A. Maheu, Associates to surveil [] beginning on 1/12/55. In his statement at the Detroit Office [] said his first contact, and the date he began his employment with Maheu, Associates, was 1/18/55.

He was specifically questioned on this point and established that date by reason of the fact that about a week later he called [] in Washington, D.C.. The date of this call has been established as 1/24/55.

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2. [] told [] that he had surveilled him while in Detroit and on the way to Washington, D.C. and during the time [] was in Washington just prior to 1/24/55. [] had had an opportunity and did observe the files of MAHEU and learned the results of their surveillances of [] in Washington. He further told [] that the information showing telephone taps came from his seeing records in MAHEU's office in Washington.

In his interview at the Detroit Office [] said he was first employed on 1/18/55, that he never conducted surveillances of [] enroute to Washington and as a matter of fact has not been in Washington and thus had no opportunity to look at the MAHEU files there. His information relative to telephone taps and surveillances of [] came from [] "source" in Washington. In conversations with [] he told [] that Panhandle had set up a \$250,000 budget, \$100,000 of which is designed to "get [] and the other \$150,000 to block American Natural Gas Company's application.

At the time he was questioned in the Detroit office, [] stated that he had no information concerning this money, other than that obtained from MAHEU to the effect that \$150,000 had been set aside to pay for the obtaining of derogatory information concerning []. He claimed to have never heard of any \$100,000 fund until he observed a memorandum in the office of [] on 2/10/55 mentioning the \$100,000 figure.

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Observations Re [redacted]

The interview of [redacted] was conducted in the Detroit Office, and lasted from 12:45 PM to approximately 4:00 PM. ASAC BOCK and SA WEE are of the opinion that [redacted] is the type of [redacted] who probably would stop at almost nothing to obtain his ends. He is probably unscrupulous and not to be trusted. He is very much interested in obtaining employment with American Natural Gas, or of its subsidiaries, as [redacted] formed counteract the activities of MAHEU. It is believed significant in this regard that he claimed to have quit MAHEU because he could not go along with their desires to have telephone taps on [redacted] telephone; yet in the interview at the Detroit Office he stated that he could shortly develop violations of the Federal Law on the part of MAHEU were he allowed a free hand. He stated he might have to employ unethical means, but the results would be successful. Also believed significant is the fact that although only employed by MAHEU for six days, or from January 18 to January 24, he at that time contacted [redacted] and offered to furnish him information re [redacted] activities and information he had allegedly developed through his contact with MAHEU.

It is suggested that the Bureau not overlook the possibility that [redacted] contacting [redacted] under the facts and circumstances as we now know them, may have been to put himself in [redacted] employ as an undercover man for MAHEU. In his statements to the Agents, he pointed out that MAHEU was apparently well satisfied with his services, and so indicated on at least one occasion when they met in New York on January 25 or 26th. During the interview he was most hazy on the dates in which he conducted investigation in MAHEU's behalf. This seems a little unusual since the period covered was recent and of considerable importance to [redacted]

[redacted] by whom [redacted] is currently [redacted] advised ASAC BOCK and SA WEE that he mistrusts [redacted], and has as yet given him no assignment because of that fact.

Another possibility that should be considered is that [redacted] is an opportunist, apparently in strained financial circumstances, who felt that by offering to furnish information to [redacted] he could convince [redacted] and American Natural Gas that he was the logical man to head up their investigation. This very fact is one of the things that has made [redacted] skeptical of [redacted] trustworthiness.

Mr. E. V. Boardman

March 3, 1955

Mr. A. R. Belmont

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, DISTRICT 14
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES HEARINGS
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SYNOPSIS:

Robert Mayhew

Attached Newark teletype dated 3/4/55 states [redacted] advised that office on 3/3/55 he has been served with subpoena by House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) to appear as witness in Newark on 3/20/55. HCUA also desired his testimony before executive session in Washington, D. C. G. E. Owens, HCUA investigator, furnished Smith name and address of former Newark Special Agent and request [redacted] write this person for information as to identities of other potential witnesses for HCUA hearings. [redacted] told [redacted] he is reluctant to testify and might take a "rest cure" or "go away" after which no one would want him as a witness. [redacted] was to be recontacted by Owens on 3/7/55 for decision regarding testimony. [redacted] advised he alone must make decision regarding testimony and if he decides to testify he should tell the truth. Former SA John J. Kelly, Newark, advised Newark office he furnished [redacted] name to Owens after Owens had contacted him and displayed a letter of introduction from former SA Lou Russell and Robert Lapham of Washington, D. C. [redacted] knew about [redacted] since a Newark contact. [redacted] referred [redacted] to Kelly when latter was looking for men for confidential undercover work. [redacted] worked for [redacted] for a period immediately following discontinuance as informant in [redacted] Kelly also advised he had contacted former SAC Police, who told Kelly [redacted] was a discontinued Bureau informant. Kelly referred [redacted] to [redacted] for possible additional data regarding [redacted]

Director notes on Newark teletype containing above data that (1) this was outrageous action by HCUA, and (2) it shows a complete lack of basic integrity on the part of ex-Agents Kelly, Russell, Lapham and [redacted].

Attachments (3)

cc - Mr. Boardman
cc - [redacted]
cc - (Former SA Louis J. Russell)
cc - (Former SA Robert Lapham)

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| cc - Mr. Nichols |
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[redacted] became Bureau informant in May, 1942. He was expelled from Communist Party [redacted] and discontinued as an informant in [redacted]. He has repeatedly refused to testify and has indicated that if subpoenaed he would be an unwilling witness. In connection with inquiries regarding [redacted] Department has been advised on several occasions of [redacted] attitude toward testifying. In January, 1955, an interview was arranged with [redacted] by a Departmental attorney in attempt to persuade [redacted] to testify in [redacted] Smith Act case. No definite decision reached on matter to date. [redacted] arrested in [redacted] Charge was changed to fornication to which [redacted] pled guilty and was fined \$25. Arrested in [redacted] which charge was adjourned without date but he was later sentenced to probation for one year on charge of loitering. During period as informant [redacted] was found to be cooperative and dependable. He furnished much valuable information to the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) It is recommended the Attorney General be advised of the subpoena served on [redacted] by an investigator of the HCUA and that the Bureau feels this action by the HCUA is believed to be highly undesirable and unwarranted. It is believed that, if [redacted] is required to answer the subpoena, he will either take some action which will preclude his future use as a witness in any case or he may appear and plead the protection of the Fifth Amendment which would benefit no one. Information regarding [redacted] arrest record should be given to the Attorney General. It is not believed desirable or necessary to tell the Attorney General as to how the HCUA obtained [redacted] name.

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(2) It is recommended a copy of this memorandum be placed in the files of former SAs Russell and Haynes for future information.

(3) It is recommended that Newark be instructed to immediately contact former SAs McKee and former SA Kelly to advise them that the Bureau is very disturbed regarding the action taken by them in furnishing data regarding confidential matters obtained during their Bureau service to unauthorized individuals. They should be strongly cautioned against taking any such action in the future.

(4) This matter will be closely followed and you will be kept currently advised of additional pertinent developments.

If you approve, there is attached a memorandum to the Attorney General, with copies for Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins, and a letter to the Newark Office incorporating the above recommendations.

DETAILS:

By teletype dated March 4, 1955, Newark advised that former confidential informant [redacted] had advised the Newark Office on the evening of March 3, 1955, that he had been served with a subpoena by G. E. Owens, investigator, House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA). The subpoena called for [redacted] appearance before the HCUA on [redacted] at Newark, New Jersey, and Owens had also told [redacted] he wanted him to proceed to Washington, D. C., to testify before the HCUA in executive session.

Owens advised [redacted] he knew [redacted] entered the Communist Party (CP) for the FBI in [redacted] and he knew the date [redacted] left the CP. He indicated [redacted] was his best potential witness in the Newark area and implied that [redacted] would either have to furnish the names of potential witnesses or would have to testify himself. He suggested [redacted] write to former Special Agent Frank Daisbeck at an address furnished by Owens and request Daisbeck to furnish the identities of possible additional witnesses for the HCUA hearings.

[redacted] told Owens he was reluctant to testify for personal and family reasons. Owens indicated he would so advise his superiors in Washington but he felt [redacted] was in a position to furnish information. [redacted] advised Newark Agents he does not intend to testify and he may take a "rest cure" after which no one would want him as a witness. He implied he might enter a hospital with a "nervous breakdown" or he might "go away."

[redacted] said he was to be recontacted on March 7, 1955, by Owens concerning his possible testimony. Newark Agents advised [redacted] that a decision regarding testifying was his alone to make but if he did decide to testify he should tell the truth.

Newark states former Special Agent John J. Kelly, now a member of Investigators, Inc., a private investigating firm in Newark, New Jersey, advised the Newark Office that he had given [redacted] name to Owens. Owens had contacted Kelly with a letter of introduction from Lou Russell and Robert Mayhem of Washington, D. C. Kelly knew of [redacted] since [redacted] was referred

to Kelly by [redacted] an SAC contact of the Newark Office, when Kelly was looking for an undercover man. [redacted] had worked for [redacted] for a time subsequent to his discontinuance as an informant. [redacted] Kelly further stated he had contacted former SAC [redacted] who told Kelly that [redacted] had been discontinued as an informant of the Newark Office. Kelly related he was only able to supply Owens with [redacted] name since he did not know [redacted] address. He referred the HCUA investigator to [redacted] as a source of possible additional data regarding [redacted]

The Director noted on the teletype which submitted the above data that (1) this certainly is outrageous action on the part of the HCUA, and (2) it shows complete lack of basic integrity on the part of ex-Agents Kelly, Russell, Laynew and McKee.

Background of [redacted]

[redacted] became a member of the CP in [redacted] and became an informant of the Newark Office about the same time. He was expelled from the CP in [redacted] as a suspected FBI informant and was discontinued as a paid informant of the Newark Office in [redacted]. He has repeatedly refused to testify concerning his knowledge of CP activities and has indicated that, if subpoenaed, he would be an unwilling witness.

The Department is aware of [redacted] identity and has been advised on several occasions of the fact that [redacted] does not desire to testify. The most recent occasion was December 15, 1954, when the Department requested permission to interview [redacted] in connection with the [redacted] Smith Act case. The Department was advised at that time that [redacted] had previously refused to testify and had refused to advise Bureau Agents of his employment since the last attempt had been made to induce him to testify. The Department was advised [redacted] considers his relationship with the Bureau as confidential and stated that, when originally contacted, it was agreed he would not have to testify. He claims he is not well off financially due to his service as an informant and claims he could not obtain a permanent job during this period. He alleges he gave up the chance to take a [redacted] in order to remain an informant. [redacted] has maintained the same attitude.

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On January 31, 1955, Departmental attorney David Harris conducted a preliminary interview with [redacted] with Bureau approval in an effort to persuade him to testify in the [redacted] case. No definite decision was reached as a result of this interview but Harris indicated further meetings with the informant were contemplated.

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[redacted] was arrested in [redacted]. This charge was changed to [redacted] to which he pled guilty and was fined \$25. He was arrested again on [redacted] for [redacted]. This charge was adjourned without date and he was sentenced to one year's probation on [redacted]. During his period of service as an informant, [redacted] was found to be cooperative and dependable and Newark stated he furnished that office much valuable information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. Rosen

DATE: September 13, 1955

FROM : L. N. Conroy

SUBJECT: ROBERT A. MAHEU (FORMER SPECIAL AGENT)
NAME CHECK REQUESTSYNOPSIS:

Robert W. Minor, Acting Deputy Attorney General, requested of Mr. Nichols a name check on Maheu whose name was noted in a recent matter handled by the Department involving Aristotle Socrates Onassis, Greek shipping magnate. The Civil Division desired to know who Maheu was. Director noted "Better alert Burger re this fellow." Maheu resigned FBI 6-24-47; had good record and was recommended for a number of positions by Director. In letter to Director 1-9-53, Attorney [redacted] advised Maheu acted dishonestly in connection with his organization of Dairy Dream Farms, Inc. FBI inquiry revealed Maheu owed substantial sums as result of venture and there was a difference of opinion in individuals contacted as to whether Maheu acted in good faith. In subsequent inquiries of the Bureau Maheu not recommended. During 1952 and 1953 Maheu employed by Small Defense Plants Administration which on 12-1-53 became known as Small Business Administration (SBA). In March, 1954, Wendell B. Barnes, SBA Administrator, advised FBI Maheu had been incompetent in respect to handling security matters for that agency. Information received 7-9-54 Maheu associated with former SAs in private investigative enterprise known as Robert A. Maheu and Associates. Field advised in SAC Letter 10-5-54 to be most circumspect in all dealings with this organization. This information leaked back to Maheu. During 1955 investigation of "Unsubs; Varnum B. Steinbaugh - Complainant; Unauthorized Publication or use of Communications," allegations of wire tapping made against Maheu and also charges made regarding leaks in WFO. FBI investigation did not disclose evidence to substantiate allegations. Pertinent data in Steinbaugh case furnished to Department by report. Major client of Maheu Associates is Stavros Niarchos, Greek shipping magnate and rival of Aristotle Socrates Onassis. Onassis allegedly bribed Saudi Arabian officials in obtaining exclusive contract in exporting oil. Information concerning

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Maheu's connection with Onassis matter furnished to Assistant Attorney General Warren E. Burger 8-3-54. Blank memorandum attached for transmittal to Department summarizing Maheu's service record; business venture in Dairy Dream Farms, Inc; reported incompetence in SBA employment; allegations of wire tapping activities in Steinbaugh case and involvement in the Onassis matter. In latter two instances Department referred to data previously furnished.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached blank memorandum be forwarded to Assistant to the Director Louis B. Nichols for transmittal to Assistant Attorney General Warren E. Burger, Civil Division, Department of Justice.

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DETAILS:

Robert W. Minor, Acting Deputy Attorney General, requested of Assistant to the Director Louis B. Nichols a name check on Maheu whose name was noted in a recent settlement made by the competitors of Aristotle Socrates Onassis with the Department. The Civil Division desired to know who Maheu was. The Director noted "Better alert Burger re this fellow. H"

A search of FBI files revealed the following information concerning Maheu:

Maheu's Business Venture - Dairy Dream Farms, Inc.

Maheu resigned FBI 6-24-47 due to wife's health. He had good record in Bureau and was recommended for number of positions by Director. He organized the Dairy Dream Farms, Inc., which venture was unsuccessful. [redacted]

[redacted] advised Director by letter 1-9-53 Maheu acted dishonestly in connection with this venture and did not deserve Director's personal recommendation. Subsequent inquiry by Bureau revealed Maheu owed substantial sums from this venture and in connection with lawsuit by [redacted] Maheu informed judge that he had been recommended by Director to position held at that time. (Noted Maheu employed by SBA at time). Inquiry reflected number of persons were of opinion Maheu acted not in good faith whereas others believed that he had and would eventually repay debts. Recommended at that time that in future inquiries Maheu not be recommended.

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Maheu's Small Business Administration (SBA) Employment.

Maheu advised Bureau 1-15-52 that because of Director's recommendation he was offered and accepted the position of Compliance and Security Officer of the Small Defense Plants Administration, which subsequent to 12-1-53 became known as the Small Business Administration.

Maheu visited Director 2-26-54 to pay respects and advised he had resigned from SBA and was opening a private investigative agency.

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In March, 1954, Wendell Burton Barnes, SBA Administrator advised that Maheu had been incompetent in respect to handling security matters for that agency. He advised that he had heard "stories" concerning Maheu at the time he, Barnes, became Administrator of SBA; that he had been told by friends in the White House of certain indiscretions on the part of former SBA Administrator William Mitchell and that he was also told Maheu had accompanied Mitchell on a number of trips when these indiscretions occurred. He stated that he was also aware of the fact that Maheu had told at least six employees of SBA of the information developed by the FBI in a security investigation concerning a former employee of SBA. Barnes stated he was very irritated with Maheu as Compliance and Security officer because of the fact he was passing out information of a security nature to employees of SBA who had no reason to be advised.

ROBERT A. MAHEU AND ASSOCIATES

Information received 7-9-54 reflects Maheu associated with former Special Agent Raymond Taggart in a private investigative enterprise known as Robert A. Maheu and Associates in Washington, D. C. Information dated 8-6-54 reflects former Special Agent Howard J. Leahy had joined this firm. On 9-7-54 it was noted that Robert A. Maheu and Associates were considering conducting a survey of police departments and Mr. Tolson commented "We should watch this closely or they will use us."

A memorandum dated 9-17-54 reflects SA Charles W. Lyons advised the Director he had been approached by Maheu who offered him a position which he refused. However, a memorandum dated 9-20-54 reflects that SAs Louis J. Russell, Richard Lawrence and Charles Lyons had joined Maheu's firm. This memorandum also indicated that on 1-15-54 former Inspector Egan advised the Bureau that two confidential sources alleged that Leahy had engaged in homosexual practices and had been a drunkard after leaving FBI; the Director commented on memorandum "We must see that we are most circumspect in all dealings with Maheu here and in the field."

It is noted that the field was advised in a SAC letter dated 10-5-54 to be most circumspect in all dealings with Maheu and his representatives and that this information leaked back to Maheu.

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Maheu's Involvement in [REDACTED] Case

The case "Unknown Subjects; [REDACTED] - Complainant; Unauthorized Publication or use of Communications," involved allegations by numerous sources as to the favoring of one party or the other before the Federal Power Commission concerning pipeline rights. The American-Louisiana Pipeline Company received permission from the Federal Power Commission to construct a pipeline into the Michigan area. The Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company contested this action before the Federal Power Commission and appealed the ruling to U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia. [REDACTED] represented the American-Louisiana Pipeline Company. Louis Johnson, former Secretary of Defense, was reported to be General Counsel for Panhandle.

Robert A. Maheu and Associates were retained on behalf of Panhandle. Investigation was conducted by the FBI as to allegations of wire tapping by the Maheu organization, and also alleged leaks to the Maheu organization from the Washington Field Office of the FBI. Our investigation did not disclose any evidence to substantiate these allegations.

All pertinent data in the Steinbaugh case has been furnished to the Department. Attached blank memorandum refers to the data furnished the Department in the Steinbaugh case and the fact that information regarding Maheu is contained therein. (9-27479)

Maheu's Involvement In Onassis Matter

On 7-30-54, Maheu personally contacted the Director to advise that he was leaving for London in connection with the afore-mentioned Onassis matter.

Robert A. Maheu and Associates have as a major client Stavros Niarchos, a Greek shipping magnate. Niarchos' arch competitor is another Greek shipping magnate and relative of Niarchos, Aristotle Socrates Onassis. Maheu said that the "Onassis deal" revolves around the virtual monopoly of all the oil in Saudi Arabia. Maheu said that he was sending two men to Saudi Arabia to make inquiries and that all interested agencies in the Government would be advised.

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Legal Attache Rome, Italy, by memorandum 11-29-54 advised Maheu furnished him information indicating that Onassis had agreed to pay large sums of money to Saudi Arabian Government in order to obtain an exclusive agreement with that Government in April, 1954, to transport all oil exported from Saudi Arabia. Maheu stated that his organization was attempting to break the Onassis agreement and that the Niarchos interests believed that a suitably prepared press release on the "bribes" would bring about enough public pressure to effect a modification or termination of the contract. Maheu said he had interviewed various officials in Washington who were interested in this matter including Under Secretary of State Herbert Hoover, Jr., Scott McLeod of Department of State, Vice President Nixon, and Central Intelligence Agency representatives. Maheu said that the Arabian-American Oil Company was also attempting to break the contract as its considerable petroleum production interests in Saudi Arabia would otherwise be at the mercy of Onassis.

Maheu advised the Legat, Rome, that evidence of the alleged bribery by Onassis to the Saudi Arabian Government was purchased from former FBI Agent Leon Turrou, who has an office in Paris, and who obtained the information from [redacted]. According to Maheu, Onassis employed [redacted] to act as an intermediary between Onassis and officials of Saudi Arabia who were bribed by Onassis in order to obtain the afore-mentioned exclusive shipping contract for oil. After Onassis obtained the contract, he failed to pay off [redacted] and as a result [redacted] is very hostile to Onassis.

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Maheu advised that originally he planned to release the [redacted] disclosures in Paris, but that the Central Intelligence Agency decided Rome would be preferable because Arabian countries were more attentive to news releases from Rome than from other European capitols. No release was to be made from the United States to avoid indicating any American connection with the disclosures. Maheu arranged to release the story to a number of local newspaper reporters at a meeting with [redacted] [redacted] who is a source of information for the Legat, Rome. This meeting, however, failed to produce any results except for interest expressed by an agent of "L'Epoca," an Italian weekly magazine which

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requested that the story be prepared in "American style." However, it was ascertained that difficulties were being encountered in the effort to have the story published even by "L'Epoca" in view of possible unfavorable reaction in Saudi Arabia.

By letter to Assistant Attorney General Warren E. Burger from Director, FBI, entitled "Aristotle Socrates Onassis," 8-3-54, information concerning the Onassis situation was reported and it was also noted that Maheu, described as an ex-Special Agent of the FBI engaged in conducting a private detective agency in Washington, D. C. intended to go to London on August 1, 1954, in connection with an investigation of the Onassis transaction.

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Office Memorandum

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TO :

Mr. Tolson

DATE: June 1, 1955

FROM :

L. B. Nichols

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Lou Russell called me on the evening of May 31st to advise that former SA Bob Maheu had fired him, charging he had been disloyal to his organizations. Russell stated he just could not stomach some of the things that were going on; that recently [redacted] had asked him about the American Louisiana Pipe Line case and he had frankly told him the truth and apparently there had been a leak on this, although Maheu would not give him any specifics as to wherein he had been disloyal. Russell stated he has been trading on friendships for the benefit of Maheu for too long; that he has been required to do things that he did not like to do and he was glad that the situation had now terminated, although it left him in a rather precarious position economically.

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;

[REDACTED] VICTIM

EXTORTION; UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Russell further pointed out that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] called Taggart and asked for certain information. [REDACTED] was told that if they got anything interesting that they were to call [REDACTED] of Panhandle Eastern, if they could not get [REDACTED]. The information requested had to do with [REDACTED]. Russell inquired about this and found that [REDACTED] was a middle-of-the-road person who was trying to protect the public interest. When he learned this, he called the number Morgenthau had left and [REDACTED] answered the phone. He then talked to [REDACTED] about the developments and indicated to [REDACTED] that they were spending money needlessly. [REDACTED] merely stated this was very interesting.

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Russell wanted advice from me as to whether he should leave Maheu. I told him, of course, I could not advise him one way or the other, nor could I advise him in response to his inquiry as to whether he should go to the client over Maheu's head and advise the client that they were spending money needlessly.

On April 22, 1955, Russell dropped by my office and stated that from what he had learned, he did not believe Maheu has put a microphone in [REDACTED] apartment. He further stated he had an interview with [REDACTED] under a pretext of securing a job with [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] had told him that he had heard that he, Russell, had been investigating him. He further told Russell he had been shown a transcript of telephone conversations and Russell told [REDACTED] that by standing in the hall outside his apartment, it was possible to hear everything said on the telephone.

This has gotten Russell even more upset over Maheu's treatment of Panhandle because apparently Panhandle does not know that [REDACTED] and American Louisiana know what they have been doing.

I told Russell that I, of course, was at a loss to know what to tell him and obviously could not express any opinion. Russell then related an incident which he had told me on Wednesday that at the time the late Judge Patterson's law firm had discussed with Panhandle Eastern the matter of retaining the Maheu outfit to investigate American Louisiana that there had been a discussion participated in by Lou Johnson, former Secretary of Defense who is now Counsel for Panhandle Eastern [REDACTED] of Panhandle Eastern, and one of the attorneys connected with Judge Patterson's law firm, wherein Maheu's organization was described as consisting of former Special Agents.

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;

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EXTORTION; UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

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Louis Johnson is reported to have said, "Former Special Agents? I have got real Special Agents working for me in their spare time." Russell told me that he mentioned to Maheu that this should be called to the Bureau's attention and Maheu stated it should not be called to our attention at this time; however, Russell felt we should know of the statement made by Johnson with the understanding that if we ever made any inquiry, we would protect him as the source. I told him we certainly would.

It seems to me that we should tackle Johnson which we could do in one or two ways. We could go to Johnson directly or we could call [redacted] who is in the Patterson law firm and who talked to me about the Maheu outfit several months ago and tell him we had heard of the statement allegedly made by Johnson and ask him if the statement had been made in his organization; that this would have the effect of [redacted] either confirming or denying the statement if he was a party to it and would certainly cause them to wonder about Maheu as they could not help but speculate where we got the information. We could go to Johnson direct and state that we had heard a rumor around town that he made the alleged statement of having Agents working for him.

I think we should
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5-3-55 3:00 PM
ASAC Fletcher intended to
handle personally as soon as
possible and have SA Harold
Harr go along, per suggestion
SAC Langford - and advise
Bureau of results

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: April 23, 1958

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FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
[REDACTED] - VICTIM
EXTORTION, UNAUTHORIZED
PUBLICATION OR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

On Wednesday night, April 20, 1955, ~~Lee~~ Russell called me on the telephone. He stated that he was getting pretty much disturbed by developments in the ~~Maheu~~ organization.

He then referred to the job which the Maheu organization had been retained to handle for the ~~Panhandle~~ Eastern Pipeline Company which is opposing the granting of a certificate of necessity to the ~~American Louisiana Pipeline Company~~. Russell stated that all of the constructive work had been handled by former Special Agent William ~~Redden~~ and himself. He now feels that the Maheu organization is trying to manipulate this solely for their own personal gain and he does not feel that they are working in the best interests of their client. He then went on to point out that from what he had learned, [redacted] had been neutralized, was no longer important; that the Panhandle account had been brought into the Maheu organization by Redden. He does not know how much Panhandle has paid Maheu but thinks in the neighborhood of \$30,000 to \$35,000. Despite their information that [redacted] is no longer important, they now have information that Maheu is about to put a microphone in [redacted] apartment for which he charges \$500 plus the daily coverage charge and that this would serve no purpose so far as the client was concerned.

Russell then pointed out that he understood that Maheu was getting a \$2,000 a week retainer from Panhandle, although it appeared that Digby, Vice Chairman of the Federal Power Commission, had switched his position and now wanted to keep Panhandle out of the case: heretofore they had thought that if there was any payoff it was to [redacted]

According to surveillance Russell conducted, [redacted] went to Digby's office after a recent hearing where rein Panhandle was excluded and Russell was conjecturing that since [redacted] was supporting American Louisiana, this was for the purpose of congratulating Digby for changing his position. 9-21-41 - AD

cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Rosen

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 3-4-55

FROM : Mr. Price

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT:

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On 2-14-55 you were furnished a detailed summary memorandum concerning this entire case, pointing out that we had received allegations through [redacted] of Detroit to the effect that [redacted] telephones in Washington, D. C., and Detroit were tapped; that there were a couple of "leaks" in the Washington Office of the FBI; that Maheu stated to [redacted] he could get any information he wanted from the FBI.

Our preliminary investigation conducted by the Washington Field and Detroit Offices disclosed no evidence of wire taps on [redacted] telephones.

Concerning the alleged "leaks," [] now states it is more his impression from conversations he had with former Special Agents John Hadden and Robert Maheu that these 2 actually obtained information from FBI contacts. He still maintained that Maheu made a general statement in New York City that through FBI contacts he could find out anything he wanted to know about any U. S. Senator. [] refused to furnish a signed sworn statement. b6

In my memorandum of 2-14-55 it was pointed out that former SA John E. Holmes had contacted SA Robert Rhoades, sound man in our Detroit Office, in regard to setting up a "plant." It now appears evident that the "plant" is connected with the Steinbaugh case.

Contacts with [redacted] former employers and checks of his former employment records indicate that he is untruthful, unreliable and unstable.

Since the following former Special Agents appear to have some connection with the Steinbaugh case as mentioned in my memorandum of 2-14-55, it is felt that each one should be interviewed: Robert A. Mahon; John E. Holmes; John Frank; Ray Faggart; and John Redden. It is felt that these interviews should be conducted in order to attempt to resolve the alleged "leaks".

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cc: 1 - Mr. Nichols
1 - Mr. Mohr

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Memo to Mr. Rosen:

RECOMMENDATION:

Previously we considered simultaneously, but separately, interviewing Maheu, Holmes, Frank, Taggart and Redden; however, since Maheu has already advised Mr. Nichols that he has no sources in the FBI, it is recommended that two experienced Agents not previously acquainted with Maheu interview him and, subsequently, interview Holmes, Frank, Taggart and Redden separately.

If approved, telephonic instructions will be issued to the field.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 8/23/55

FROM : H. L. Edwards

SUBJECT: ROBERT A. MAHEU
 EOD 12/9/40
 Resigned 7/24/47
 Former Special Agent
 SERVICE RECORD INQUIRY

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Liaison Section 8/22/55 requested service record on former SA Maheu. Mr. Robert W. Minor, Acting Deputy Attorney General, has requested that a name check be made on Maheu, who is employed as Robert A. Maheu and Associates. Liaison Section desires the service record summary of Maheu be prepared for transmittal with the results of the name check.

The attached memorandum of 12/28/54 summarized Maheu's Bureau record and set forth facts reflecting the desirability of making no comment to inquirers for his record concerning the quality of his services, character, or integrity. Attached memo for the Department of Justice has been prepared accordingly.

Since preparation of referenced memo 12/28/54 we furnished service record to Central Intelligence Agency under date of 12/29/54. Memorandum 2/15/55 concerning the Extortion case, "Unknown Subject; Varnum B. Steinbaugh - Victim," set forth in summary allegations we have received to the effect that (1) Steinbaugh's telephones in Washington and Detroit were tapped; (2) Redden (believed to be former SA John William Redden) was supposed to have received information from the Internal Revenue Service Office through a couple of 'leaks' in the Washington Office of the FBI; and (3) Robert A. Maheu told one [redacted] that he could get any information he wanted from the FBI. Mr. Nichols' memorandum 2/14/55 reflects that he saw Maheu that date to inform him that he was getting sick and tired of the numerous reports we were receiving that he and his organization have entry to the FBI and can get information from us. Mr. Nichols informed Maheu that the next time a situation such as this develops, the Bureau will have no choice but to immediately ask for a full Grand Jury inquiry into the allegations since they bear upon our integrity and we do not intend to continue to permit such misinformation to be circulated.

RECOMMENDATION: That the attached memo be approved and be routed

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CC: J. G. Landis, Rm 7616

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to SA J. G. Landis, Liaison Section, Room 7616, for referral to the Department of Justice with the results of the Name Check being conducted.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *per [unclear]*

DATE: Sept. 1, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols *[initials]*

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Robert Minor requested a name check be made on Robert Maheu, the former Agent who now runs a private detective agency. Rather than send a memorandum through, while talking to Minor on other things after my conversation with the Director, I asked Minor what was back of the name check request. Minor called his office and then told me that Maheu was being considered for appointment in the Civil Division.

Later on, Minor called me back and stated his information was wrong, that the Civil Division had come across Maheu's name in the Onassis case and the recent settlement made by the competitors of Onassis with the Department and they wanted to know who he was.

In addition to furnishing the attached service record, I told Minor that we had heard that Maheu is running a private detective agency and that numerous matters had come up which frankly had made us wonder about various ramifications.

cc: Mr. Mohr
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Prepared by: [initials]
Checked by: [initials]
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August 24, 1955

MEMORANDUM

RE: ROBERT A. MAHEU

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Memorandum prepared for the Liaison Section for transmittal to the Department of Justice, Robert W. Minor, Acting Deputy Attorney General.

J. G. Landis

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Based on memorandum from H.L. Edwards to Mr. Mohr dated 8-23-55 captioned Robert A. Maheu, Service Record Inquiry.

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September 13, 1955

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Waterville, Maine

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(Enclosure to memo Conroy to Mr. A. Rosen dated 9-13-55, captioned "Robert A. Maheu Former Special Agent, Name Check Request)WAL:bjd

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corporation allegedly proposed to can sweet cream. [redacted] related Maheu borrowed money on this project, sold stock to numerous individuals by telling them of orders which had been promised, and even displayed a forged telegram which purported to be an order for the product. [redacted] stated he received this information from clients whose identities he did not feel he could divulge. He said that after obtaining this money Maheu purchased an expensive home in New York and traveled extensively on the money received although it was nearly a year before any stock certificates were issued and by that time most of the money was gone. [redacted] did not believe this could be done legally. He said that Maheu's business venture failed and that the persons who loaned money or purchased stock have never received any returns and that Maheu made no attempt to make good these losses.

[redacted] felt that Maheu obtained most of this money on prestige received from his association with the FBI. He believed that the business failure was more than an error in judgment since Maheu had made no attempt to make good the losses caused by the reckless spending of other peoples' money for his, Maheu's, benefit.

As a result of [redacted] allegations, inquiries were conducted by this Bureau.

[redacted] Western Union, Waterville, Maine, stated he was well acquainted with Maheu's business ventures as [redacted] was also involved in them. He said the failure of the business was due to lack of knowledge, foresight, but due to no lack of good faith of Maheu. He stated [redacted] had reported to him that Maheu had possibly displayed a fraudulent telegram. He said Maheu did have a telegram machine in his office and it would have been possible for him to forge a telegram but he knew nothing of such activities.

Father Marcotte, Saint Francis Parish, Waterville, Maine, advised that many individuals in Waterville had lost money in Maheu's venture, but that it was felt this was the result of no dishonesty on the part of Maheu. Father Marcotte advised he had made a personal loan to Maheu and has never questioned that it would be repaid. He stated he felt Maheu was sincere and that nothing he did reflected adversely on his integrity or honesty.

Onesimi Bolduc, owner, Bambi Bakery, Waterville, Maine, stated he loaned Mahen \$1,000 and purchased stock in his company and believed him to be in good faith in all of his activities. He stated that one Arthur Duplessis, owner, Community Bus Line, Waterville, who was not available for interview, had invested a large sum in Mahen's venture and told him, Bolduc, that Mahen had constantly made payments on a note at the bank which Duplessis had endorsed.

Frederick Kanuff, President, Federal Trust Company, Waterville, Maine, stated the bank had loaned Mahen a large amount of money on endorsement of two of their customers and that Mahen had paid on these notes with regularity. He stated that he asked Mahen why he did not go into bankruptcy and Mahen stated he intended, if at all possible, to pay back everything he lost.

Major Raymond Fortin, Adjutant General's Office, State House, Augusta, Maine, stated he worked with Mahen for three or four years in the "Dairy Dream venture" and lost not only his time but his money, and was sure Mahen acted in good faith throughout the deal. He noted that Mahen and "Dairy Dream, Inc." had made a contract with the American Dairy Products Corporation of New York, New York, and that the latter company had purchased the former and was to handle the "Dairy Dream" product and a certain percentage of the proceeds were to go to the payment of the debt incurred by Dairy Dream, Inc.

[redacted] New York, New York, advised that he has known Mahen for twenty years and stated Mahen sold approximately \$60,000 to \$70,000 worth of stock to local residents of Waterville, Maine, in connection with the "Dairy Dream venture." According to [redacted] the stock is presently worthless. He advised that Mahen raised money through personal loans from various individuals in Waterville and that it was his [redacted] opinion that none of these loans had been repaid. He stated that Mahen owed him \$1800 which was borrowed several years ago and which he failed to repay despite written and oral requests. In addition, [redacted] said that "Dairy Dream Farms, Inc." owes him \$960 and that the original debt with this company was \$2,100.

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[redacted] further reported that in November, 1952, Mahen was sued in Municipal Court, New York City, by [redacted] for legal services rendered. [redacted] expressed the opinion that Mahen was not honest, had a capacity for intrigue, and capitalized on his former association with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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No additional inquiries were made as allegations that Federal statutes had been violated were not substantiated.

During 1952 and 1953 Mahen was employed as Security and Compliance Officer of the Small Business Administration, prior to December 1, 1953, known as the Small Defense Plants Administration.

On March 31, 1954, Wendell Burton Barnes, Administrator, Small Business Administration, advised representatives of this Bureau that he had heard "stories" concerning Mahen and had been told by friends in the White House of certain indiscretions of the former administrator of Small Business Administration, William Mitchell, and that he was told that Mahen had accompanied Mitchell on a number of trips when these indiscretions occurred. He stated that he was also aware of the fact that Mahen had indiscreetly disclosed security information to at least six employees of the Small Business Administration. Mr. Barnes stated that he had been completely dissatisfied with the loyalty to him on the part of Mahen.

Information pertaining to Mahen's alleged wire tapping activities is contained in reports reflecting an investigation conducted by the FBI in 1955 entitled "Unknown Subjects; Varnum B. Steinbaugh - Complainant; Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications." Copies of reports and the results of additional investigation in this matter have been furnished to Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III, Departmental File 82-16-53.

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Information pertaining to Mahen is also set out in a letter from the Director, Federal Bureau of

Investigation, to Assistant Attorney General
Warren E. Burger, dated August 3, 1954, captioned
"Aristotle Socrates Onassis."

The foregoing information is furnished to
you as a result of your request for an FBI file
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or a nonclearance of the individual involved.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: 11-9-56

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: ROBERT A. MAHEU ASSOCIATES
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Reference is made to Mr. Belmont's memorandum to Mr. Sizoo 11-7-56 pointing out that Maheu had informed Mr. Belmont that day that one of his employees, Al Hughes, had installed certain electronic equipment in the Dominican Republic for that Government. One item was an X-ray machine which was installed at an airport and which he reported to our State Department office in that country. It appeared that this machine was to be used for the examination of baggage of travelers. Maheu indicated that Hughes had talked to US Government representatives in the Dominican Republic and without specifically stating did give the impression that he was referring to CIA. Maheu further advised that Hughes had briefed Scott McLeod of the State Department and had learned that CIA had not informed the State Department concerning the installation of the equipment in the Dominican Republic. It was recommended that liaison contact CIA and find out just what this was all about and whether we had an interest in the matter.

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Enclosed herewith is a copy of a Despatch dated 10-15-56 from the American Embassy, Dominican Republic, to the State Department setting forth information furnished by Hughes to the American Ambassador concerning the sale and installation of X-ray machines, radio transmitters and Photostat machines in the Dominican Republic. The Despatch indicates that the Embassy security officer [redacted] present when Hughes talked to the Ambassador and that they were keeping in touch with Hughes.

The enclosed Despatch indicates that [redacted] and State representatives in the Dominican Republic were briefed concerning Hughes' dealings with the Dominican Government.

Our only interest in Hughes would be to determine if he has knowledge of the intelligence operations of the Dominican Government or if he becomes engaged in any intelligence activity in behalf of that Government. So far we do not have any evidence of either.

Enclosure sent 11-13-56
cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Branigan
Mr. Papich
Mr. Wannall

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman
RE: Robert A. Maheu Associates

ACTION:

If you approve, there is enclosed a letter to the State Department, copy to CIA, requesting those agencies to advise the Bureau if any information is received indicating that Hughes has gained knowledge of or engages in Dominican intelligence activities.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. BOARDMAN *fb 2/2/50*

DATE: November 28, 1956

FROM : A. H. Belmont *08*

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SUBJECT: IAN ROBERT MAXWELL

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Former SA Robert Maheu, of Robert Maheu Associates, Washington, D. C., called on 11/27/56, to advise that he had been retained by the law firm of Brookhart, Becker & Dorsey, to conduct an investigation in London, of the above individual.

Maheu said that Maxwell is a British citizen and that he approached this law firm in Washington, D. C. to have them set up a corporation which Maxwell would use to peddle Russian books in the U.S. These books would be translated from the Russian into the English.

Maheu said that he did conduct an investigation in London, and there is some indication that Maxwell is "to the left." Maheu said that he had advised McLeod of the State Department and CIA concerning this, and he thought the Bureau would be interested in any plan to set up a corporation to peddle Russian books in the U.S. Maheu said he would forward to my attention a copy of the report of the investigation conducted concerning Maxwell, which the Bureau could use for its assistance in the event we had an interest in Maxwell.

I inquired as to Maheu's relationship with his client, the law firm, in furnishing this information to us. Maheu said he made it a matter of policy to advise all of his clients that if, during investigations, he comes across information which would be of interest to the government from a subversive standpoint, he will furnish that information to the appropriate agency.

ACTION:

We will look over this report and check our files on Maxw... whether further action is warranted in this matter.

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cc Mr. [redacted]
Mr. [redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *LB*

DATE: March 11, 1957

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*

SUBJECT: GERALD LESTER MURPHY
REGISTRATION ACT
INTERNAL SECURITY - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
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Remymemo March 9, 1957, reflecting that Robert Maheu advised he had an appointment with [] of the Dominican Republic at 11 o'clock this morning (March 11) to discuss an offer by the Dominican Republic for Maheu to conduct investigation into the Murphy matter.

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Maheu called me at 10:00 a.m. today to advise he had thought this matter over during the week end, that he had talked to McLeod of the State Department, and had come to the conclusion he would not accept any offer from []. He said there are too many things about this matter he does not like; that he is not convinced the Dominicans are not responsible for the disappearance of de Galindez and the death of Murphy. He said he does not know "what their gimmick is," but they are offering too much money for the work involved and that he wonders if they are just not looking to use his name as an ex-Agent. He said he felt this is not the type of case an ex-Agent should get involved in; therefore, he was going to turn the offer down.

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My guess is that McLeod of the State Department must have given Maheu a sufficient briefing, possibly including the involvement of John Joseph Frank, to make Maheu decide this was not for him.

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cc--Mr. Boardman
cc--Mr. Belmont
cc--Mr. Branigan
cc--Mr. Kissiah
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TO : Director, FBI (46-24571)

DATE: 4/29/57

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (46-1789)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] et al
BRIBERY; CONSPIRACY; FAG;
CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Robert A. Mahew

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On 4/24/57, former SA RICHARD LAWRENCE advised SA VINCENT G. DOUGHERTY that he is in Scranton, Pa., in behalf of [REDACTED] who is presently under indictment in the Middle District of Pennsylvania, in the captioned case.

LAWRENCE said he is associated with former SAs GRANT STETTER and ROBERT MAHEW (ph.), in Washington, D. C., in the field of handling private investigations. STETTER apparently was contacted in the interests of [REDACTED] and spent several days in Scranton, Pa., setting up a defense for [REDACTED]. LAWRENCE was in Scranton to gather further information in [REDACTED] defense. LAWRENCE did not mention any plans or anticipated activity along this line.

The above is furnished for the Bureau's information.

2 - Bureau
1 - Philadelphia (46-24571)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 11/13/57

FROM : G. A. Nease

SUBJECT: SAM DASHPENNSYLVANIA BAR ASSOCIATIONENDOWMENT SURVEY OF WIRE TAPPING

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Downey Rice, who is presently practicing law here in town and is a former agent, called me on 11/12/57. He stated that the above individual is going around the country collecting data on wire tapping and is asking many questions about how the FBI taps wires and what part the telephone company might play in the matter. Rice stated that he has talked to other individuals such as former agent Dan Sullivan in Florida and understands that Dash particularly is querying various private detectives and so forth. He has recently learned that the Fund for the Republic is probably putting up the funds for Dash's activities.

Rice stated that Dash is presently in the city and has been in frequent contact with his office for the purpose of determining who he might contact. Rice stated he is furnishing him no information but has learned that he is going to contact former SA Robert Maheu who has an investigative agency here, and he has been interested in locating 2 individuals who formerly were in the F. C. C. during the late 1930's. It is Rice's understanding that the F. C. C. did some work on wire tapping at that time and Dash is interested in discussing the matter with them.

Rice stated that if we wanted any further information concerning Dash he would be glad to furnish such information as he may come across particularly as to individuals Dash is attempting to contact if we desire the information. I expressed appreciation for his calling. Our files reflect that we are fully familiar with Dash's activities and as a matter of fact, he has been in contact with the Bureau.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be referred to the Domestic Intelligence Division for their perusal and should it be deemed desirable to contact Rice at any time I feel sure that he would be cooperative.

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cc - Mr. Boardman

cc - Mr. Belmont

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 9/9/58

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: JIMMY HOFFA
Teamsters Union

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Robert Maheu, former Bureau agent, who runs an investigative agency in Washington, called on the afternoon of 9/9 to advise that yesterday he received an invitation to lunch at the building of the Teamsters Union. He went there and had lunch with Jimmy Hoffa.

Hoffa told him he had some work for him to do concerning one of the three monitors of the Teamsters Union, namely [redacted]. Hoffa indicated to Maheu that [redacted] pocketed some of the money contributed by a section of the union which sought to set aside the election of Hoffa. Maheu said that he received the impression that Hoffa had some fairly concrete information and was seeking to have it run out investigatively.

Maheu said that he told Hoffa that he would like to help him but he was too busy and could not handle this. Maheu said that the real reason he turned it down was because he did not want to get involved. Maheu said that he would appreciate it if this information were treated confidentially as it would hurt his business if it became known that he had furnished this type of information to the Bureau.

Maheu mentioned, in passing, that he was getting out of the investigative field and concentrating on the public relations field. As a result, he is cutting down his force. He indicated that to maintain a business in the investigative field it was necessary to get into matters in which he did not want to become involved.

For information.

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Mr. A. E. Belmont

September 15, 1955

W. C. Sullivan

**ROBERT A. MAHEU ASSOCIATES
INFORMATION CONCERNING**

Former SA James J. Cox advised SA William E. O'Neill, Jr., on 9/14/58 that he has in recent weeks been doing research work for Robert A. Mahou Associates in the Washington, D. C., office of that firm at 1125 19th St., N.W. Cox stated that Mahou is in the process of discontinuing his investigative business and will in the future operate out of his home, doing public relations work, without the assistance of a staff. Cox did not assign any reason for Mahou's action, nor did he indicate that Mahou was in financial trouble.

Mahou is reported to have recently returned from California where he was engaged in work connected with the gubernatorial campaign of Edmund G. "Pat" Brown. Another California account of Mahou's, as reported by Cox, is Howard Hughes, the industrialist. Hughes was described as one of Mahou's "angels."

According to Cox, Oliver W. Angelone, a former Bureau Agent, who has been working out of the local office of Mahou Associates will soon open his own office in the Dupont Circle area, where he will undertake public relations and general investigative work. Oliver William Angelone, EOD 3/26/51, resigned 3/18/58, rated satisfactory on cease duty performance rating, recommended unfavorably for reinstatement. Applications for reinstatement denied in 1954 and 1957.

James Joseph Cox, EOD 4/9/51, resigned 3/26/54, rated satisfactory on cease duty performance rating. Personnel file reflects that he worked as a newspaperman in Sarasota, Florida, as of June, 1950. Cox stated that he has recently returned from Hong Kong, British Crown Colony, where he was employed by the U. S. Department of State.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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1 - Section tickler

1 - W. E. O'Neill

1 - Mr. Belmont

1 - Mr. Mohr

1 - Robert A. Mahou Assoc.

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1 - James J. Cox

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① - Robert A. Mahou

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1 - Oliver W. Angelone

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. ROSEN

DATE: 9/11/58

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED BY
ROBERT MAHEU, Former Agent,
re [redacted]

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Robert Maheu, former Bureau agent, now in the private investigative field in Washington, called me on the morning of 9/11, referring to the attached article in the Washington Post which reflects the testimony of George S. Fitzgerald before the Senate Rackets Subcommittee. Maheu referred to Fitzgerald's testimony to the effect that the Teamsters Union had hired a private detective last year to check up on three members of the Committee's staff, and that the individual who did the checking was [redacted]

Maheu said that, for the Bureau's information, he turned down a request by the Teamsters Union to conduct this investigation, which was later performed by [redacted]. He said that he could not overemphasize the fact that [redacted] is thoroughly unreliable. He said he threw him out of his office because he found [redacted] was cheating a client. He said [redacted] was strictly no good and would do anything for a buck. He said it might be very interesting to check [redacted] long distance calls for the past six months.

I asked Maheu what he had in mind in a check of [redacted] long distance calls. Maheu said that he had reference to the activities of [redacted] during the investigation which he was making for the Teamsters Union.

This is set forth as a matter of record. There appears to be no action warranted by the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 11-13-58

FROM : S. B. Donahoe

 1 - Belmont
 1 - Donahoe
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 1 - Cotter

 SUBJECT: JESUS DE GALINDEZ-SUAREZ
 MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
 (NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE)

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Reference my memorandum 10-31-58 concerning interviews we are conducting at request of Department with various employees of Robert Maheu, ex-FBI Agent who now operates private detective agency at Washington, D. C. Department is considering possibility Maheu or some of his employees may have knowledge of an investigation or technical surveillance of Galindez prior to latter's disappearance in 1956. All interviews have been completed with exception of interview of Maheu himself.

By airtel 11-12-58 Washington Field Office (WFO) has advised that Maheu was telephonically contacted that date. Maheu expressed willingness to be interviewed by Bureau Agents but declined to have interview conducted at WFO. WFO pointed out that during a previous interview of Maheu in March, 1957, (in connection with investigation of John Joseph Frank) Maheu originally sought to record interview although he subsequently agreed to be interviewed without recording it. WFO has pointed out that, in view of Department's desire to have Maheu interviewed, he will be interviewed at his office or at his residence on 11-14-58 and that interviewing Agents will be most circumspect to prevent any embarrassment to Bureau.

In view of prior effort by Maheu to record interview with WFO Agents and since Maheu is known to have recording equipment and could easily utilize same in any premises under his control, it is not believed we should conduct interview at his office or home. Moreover, it is not felt Maheu should be allowed to dictate terms of interview. However, since this interview has been specifically requested by Department, it is felt we should make a further effort to conduct the interview either at WFO or at some other secure site which would be agreeable.

ACTION:

Memo Donahoe to Belmont

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 Atto Criminal Div. Dept. 132
 1-15B Division 11-14-58 RDC:sw

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 Sup. Jones WFO
 11-13-58

If you approve, WFO will be telephonically instructed to recontact Maheu, to advise him that this interview is being conducted at specific request of Department, and to again request him to come to WFO for interview. If Maheu again declines to come to WFO, an effort will be made to interview him at some other place, other than his residence or home and, if he refuses this offer, no further effort will be made to interview him and the Department will be advised of the facts.

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 declines, so advise Dept

 S. B. Donahoe
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: November 14, 1958

FROM : S. B. Donahoe

 1 - Mr. Belmont
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 1 - D. E. Moore
 1 - Mr. Cotter

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 SUBJECT: JESUS DE GALINDEZ - SUAREZ
 MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
 (NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE)

Robert Maheu

Reference my memorandum 11-13-58 re efforts to interview Robert Maheu, former Bureau agent, in line with Department's request. In view of possibility Maheu might try to record interview conducted at his office or home, WFO requested him to come to field office for interview. Mr. Tolson commented: "I think we should insist he come to our office and if he declines, so advise Dept." Director concurred.

By airtel 11-13-58, WFO has advised Maheu was telephonically contacted on afternoon of 11-13-58, and again requested to come to the field office for interview. Maheu again declined "as matter of principle," offering to be interviewed at his office, his home, his attorney's office, his automobile, or a Bureau car. Maheu claimed he has story to tell related to Galindez case although "not directly" and said he will tell it before leaving Washington, D.C., for West Coast at midnight, 11-14-58. He said only person he will talk to at Bureau is Director and alleged he had discussed situation with two attorneys and two prominent Senators who all advised him to do something "horrible," not further described, but he would not do it because of his professed admiration for Director.

Maheu indicated he resents all the "hullabaloo" caused by comments of "psychopathic drunk," evidently referring to Lou Russell (former Bureau agent who reported information to Department of hearsay nature indicating Maheu may have had wire tap on Galindez prior to subject's disappearance and also was furnishing money to John Joseph Frank on regular basis). Maheu alleged Morris Ernst is spreading word around New York City that, as result of recent FBI interviews, Federal Grand Jury sitting at New York City will indict four persons and death sentence will be asked for all four, one of whom reportedly will be Maheu. Maheu charged these stories are doing irreparable damage to him and his family. He said he does not think Director knows what is going on or "he would not allow this to happen."

Maheu stated he had nothing to hide and was entirely innocent in Galindez matter and, therefore, felt he had nothing to lose by fighting damage being caused to him and his family. At one point,

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This is in Dept's hands

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Memorandum Donahoe to Belmont
Re: Jesus De Galindez-Suarez
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he indicated he might telephone the Justice Department on afternoon of 11-13-58. He reiterated willingness to be interviewed by FBI but not at Washington Field Office.

OBSERVATIONS:

As noted previously, interview of Maheu was requested by Department which is exploring possibility Maheu or some of his employees may have knowledge of investigation or technical surveillance of Galindez prior to latter's disappearance in 1956. Maheu's detective firm, staffed chiefly by ex-FBI agents, is known to have operated wire taps in the past and Maheu is known to have closely associated with John Frank. Our request of Maheu to come to Washington Field Office for interview was eminently reasonable and it is pointed out other former agents interviewed in this matter have readily agreed to be interviewed at field office. There is no reason why we should allow Maheu to dictate the conditions of our proposed interview of him. Moreover, it is felt we should not be swayed by Maheu's threats of doing something "horrible" insinuating that he has information detrimental to the Director and/or the Bureau.

ACTION:

Attached for your approval is a letter to the Criminal Division of Department (which requested interviews of Maheu and his associates), with copy to Internal Security Division for information. We are advising Department of our efforts to interview Maheu and of his refusal to come to Washington Field Office. Department is also being advised of various statements made by Maheu on 11-13-58 and of possibility he may contact Department prior to leaving Washington, D. C., tonight. We are advising Department that, in view of Maheu's attitude, the Bureau will make no further efforts to interview him in connection with this matter and will not accommodate him by seeking to arrange interview outside of Washington Field Office.

*Don't allow Maheu to
write a letter. He is no
different than anyone else.*

*letter to Dept not
being sent as Maheu
is coming in to
our office for
interview*

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: March 13, 1959

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: ROBERT A. MAHEU
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT

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We have received information from the Phoenix Division concerning an expensive hotel suite reserved by former Special Agent Robert A. Maheu at the Arizona Inn, Tucson, Arizona. Maheu, who has operated an investigative firm in Washington, D. C., advised the Bureau in September, 1958, that he was getting out of the investigative field and concentrating on the public relations field. The following information would indicate highly suspicious actions on the part of Maheu.

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[redacted] of the Arizona Inn, confidentially advised our Phoenix Division that Maheu has reserved a suite of rooms at the inn at a cost of \$100 per day from February 25 to May 3, 1959. This suite was also reserved by Maheu during January, 1959, for a cost of \$1,000. During the January period, a television set was installed in the room and daily newspapers were delivered, but the suite has not been occupied to date. Certainly this doesn't seem reasonable.

Maheu advised [redacted] that he is a public relations man with offices all over the world and that he desired this suite for the use of clients whose names he did not desire to divulge. At [redacted] insistence, however, Maheu agreed to furnish the identities of guests before their arrival.

The Phoenix Division is being instructed to advise the Bureau immediately of further information received from [redacted] regarding the identity of any guests who may subsequently occupy the rooms reserved by Maheu, and all other pertinent information concerning him which may be received.

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ROBERT A. MAHEU
1125 NINETEENTH STREET, NORTHWEST
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

July 2, 1959

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. DeLoach ✓
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Mr. Mohr ✓
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Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
Mr. W.C. Sullivan ✓
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Mr. Holloman ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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I am pleased to inform you that a few days ago my wife gave birth to our fourth child, [REDACTED]. As you may recall, when Mrs. Maheu had tuberculosis in 1945, we were informed that it would be impossible to have any more children. Since her remarkable recovery, we have had three healthy children.

Both of us often talk about your great cooperation during her sickness. We are particularly reminded of it when the good Lord sees fit to bless with another child. You may rest assured that we have not forgotten to be appreciative and shall continue to remember you in our prayers.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Maheu

Robert A. Maheu

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R.A.V. Miller (Maheu)

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July 9, 1959

Mr. Robert A. Maheu
1125 Nineteenth Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Maheu:

Your letter of July 2, 1959, advising Mr. Hoover of the birth of your fourth child has been received in his absence from the city. You may be sure that I will bring it to his attention upon his return.

If he were here, I am certain he would want to extend his sincere congratulations to Mrs. Maheu and you and would wish the mother and child the very best of health and happiness.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

NOTE: Maheu is a former Bureau Agent who EOD 12-9-40 and resigned 7-24-47. The Bureau has been most circumspect in its dealings with Maheu since 1953. By then Maheu had experienced extensive financial difficulties and it was reported that when sued in court for legal services, Maheu attempted to capitalize on his former associations with the FBI and flaunted the fact that he had been recommended by the Director for the position he held. In view of this, his name was removed from our Former Agents List. Since commencing operations as a private investigative agency, his ethics and trustworthiness have become questionable. In 1955 he was called into the Bureau and cautioned against spreading rumors or allowing rumors to be spread to the effect that his agency had inroads into FBI files. In November, 1958, he refused to be interviewed at the Washington Field Office regarding the possibility that he or some of his employees may have had knowledge of a technical surveillance on Jesus de Galindez prior to his disappearance in 1956. He attempted to dictate conditions of interview which were refused.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: July 8, 1959

FROM : A. Rosen *Am*SUBJECT: ROBERT A. MAHEU ASSOCIATES
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIMINAL SECTION, INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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Information of possible interest to the Director concerning former Special Agent Robert A. Maheu has been received indicating that Maheu is currently operating on the West Coast. It appears that he may have an interest in a detective agency which operates under the name of "Mike Conrad and Associates" of Burbank, California. The principal in this detective agency is reported to be one [redacted] concerning whom no information is available in the Bureau's indices or in the files of the Identification Division.

The Los Angeles Police Department furnished information relating to this matter when patrol officers stopped one John Joseph Murphy on June 7, 1959, as the result of a disturbance arising out of Murphy's surveillance of a former beauty contest winner, singer Yvonne Shubert of Santa Ana, California. Police inquiry disclosed that Murphy, who claimed to be a former Agent of the FBI, together with Maheu and [redacted] was surveilling Miss Shubert on behalf of Howard Hughes. According to police, Miss Shubert and five other young girls constituted a sort of stable of girl friends for Hughes, who has used Mike Conrad and Associates to maintain an almost perpetual surveillance on these girls.

Subsequent to the police inquiry of June 7, 1959, during which it was learned that Miss Shubert's boy friend, a Hollywood bit player named Samuel Rand, had been warned to stay away from Miss Shubert through Maheu. Rand was accidentally shot and killed by Miss Shubert on June 12, 1959, as the couple were shooting a revolver on a target range. Rand had previously told police that the warning he received had come from Undersheriff of Los Angeles County Harold Marlowe in Maheu's Bel-Air hotel suite. Marlowe, it is noted, was formerly a Special Agent and at one time was the husband of Marion Marlowe, a singer with Arthur Godfrey.

The above information concerning Maheu's activities on behalf of Howard Hughes may tie in with information we have received from the Phoenix Division, which has reported that Robert A. Maheu and Associates reserved at a cost of \$1,000 a month a cabin at the Arizona Inn, Tucson, Arizona, during the winter season, which has

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Memorandum to The Director
Re: ROBERT A. MAHEU ASSOCIATES

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never been occupied. Although the inn is presently closed, the same cabin is being rented at \$600 per month by Maheu with an option to rent again during the winter season beginning in November at the rate of \$1,000 per month. One [redacted] who is not identifiable in the Bureau's files, has been operating as Maheu's agent in connection with the cabin and has been insistent that the name of Maheu's client in whose behalf the cabin has been reserved could not be disclosed under any circumstances.

There is no apparent Federal violation in connection with these matters, but it does appear that we should discreetly check into them since former Bureau personnel is involved and since there may be a matter here within our proper jurisdiction. For these reasons, therefore, the Los Angeles and Phoenix Divisions should through discreet inquiry develop further information regarding these matters and their possible connection and interest to the Bureau. An airtel so instructing these offices is attached.

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

It is recommended that the attached airtel to Los Angeles and Phoenix, instructing them to discreetly develop the facts in this matter, be forwarded.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Mr. Malone ✓
Mr. Wick ✓
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Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
Mr. Jones ✓
Mr. W.C. Sullivan ✓
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Mr. Ingram ✓
Miss Holmes ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

O II. A EXBROOK 7-4600

February 28, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover

I wanted one of the first letters on the new letterhead to be one to you - and so it is.

The official announcement is just that - and since I will be in Washington next week - I do hope you will have a few minutes. I'd like to tell you of the new enterprise. Bob Maheu is of course one of your "graduates" - and another - Bob Collier - is also associated with us.

It's highly interesting - and enjoyable - and I'd like to tell you about it.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bob (King)

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It's highly interesting - and enjoyable - and I'd like to tell you about it. Sincerely,

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Bob King

Robert L. King

1125 NINETEENTH STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON 6, D.C. NATIONAL 874828
190 NORTH CANON DRIVE, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA CRESTVIEW 6-1400

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 11/5/59

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: ROBERT L. KING
Former Special AgentROBERT A. MAHEU
Former Special Agent

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In discussing other matters with former Special Agent O'Connor today, he told me he had learned from ranking officials in the Department of Labor that Maheu was well known in the Labor cocktail circuit in Washington, D. C. He said he also heard that former Special Agent King had left the Olympic Winter Games Organizing Commission and had gone to work for Maheu.

The latest membership directory of the Former Agents Society which was dated July, 1959, reflects King was residing in San Francisco and was occupying the position of Executive Director, Olympic Winter Games Organizing Commission. You will recall that King was formerly associated with Vice President Nixon.

Maheu is listed as residing in Washington, D. C., and his occupation is given as Public Relations, Investigations.

You will further recall that we received information that Maheu had been doing some investigative work (he called it public relations activity) for President David McDonald of the Steel Workers Union. We also received information that Maheu has been doing some investigative work for Howard Hughes, specifically, keeping an eye on some of Hughes' girl friends.

The foregoing is submitted for your information.

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V. J. Mohr
I am surprised that King has made such a connection.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: July 6, 1961

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Robert Maheu of Maheu Associates called at 11:45 a.m. to advise that under the old Korean regime, his firm had been negotiating with the Embassy, and in particular [REDACTED] to represent the country of South Korea in a public relations capacity.

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It is suggested this information be furnished to the Washington Field Office [REDACTED]

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Key Nixon Associate Is Hughes Consultant

By ROBERT G. SPIVACK and ALFRED T. HENDRICKS

One of Vice President Nixon's key campaign aides is a member of a "management consultant" firm retained by the Howard Hughes enterprise that lent \$205,000 to Nixon's brother, The Post learned today.

He is Robert L. King, a former FBI agent who was the Vice President's administrative assistant from 1955 to 1958 and is now on leave from the management firm to work in the Nixon campaign.

Washington columnist Drew Pearson has charged that Hughes' mammoth industrial interests received better treatment from the Administration after the 1956 loan was made to a foundering restaurant chain headed by the Vice President's brother, Donald.

Nixon's Long-Time Friend

King's firm is Maheu and King Associates Inc., with offices in Washington and San Francisco. King, 47, was described by the Vice President in 1954 as "long a personal friend."

King told the Post today he joined the concern last January.

Maheu and King, Associates, Inc. he said, was retained by the Hughes Tool Co. at about the same time.

When first approached by a Post reporter and asked to "clarify" his relationship with the Hughes Tool Co., King snapped:

"I have no comment."

But under prodding King conceded he was "associated" with Maheu and King Associates, Inc., which he described as a "management consultant" concern.

Asked to describe the firm's business with Hughes Tool Co., King replied: "No comment."



ROBERT L. KING

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EDITOR: JAMES WECHSLER

RE: ROBERT L. KING
FORMER FBI AGENT

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But Washington sources indicated that Maheu and King Associates devotes a good deal of its time to looking out for Hughes interests in the capital. Maheu and King aren't Hughes' only representatives in Washington. The Hughes Aircraft Co., for example, has as its Washington representative former Air Force Major John L. Winkel.

There was no indication in Washington of how large an account the Hughes interests represent to King's management firm.

The Post reporter asked King

if he could explain the circumstances of the Hughes loan to Donald Nixon. King replied: "I have no comment. I think I've answered all the questions I'm going to."

But then he added:

"I'm sure you're trying to draw inferences that aren't so. The allegation [against Nixon] is infamous. Anybody with a gutter mind can draw any inferences they want."

"My language isn't strong enough to describe what I think of Mr. Pearson and the New York Post for what they are trying to do."

King was interviewed by The Post last night at the GOP rally at the Coliseum. King was seated at a table supporting an intercom system used to coordinate activities outside the building with those inside. He appeared to be supervising the operation.

King's partner in the management firm is Robert Maheu, who took over a large part of Hughes' Washington work when attorneys Frank Waters and James J. Ardito terminated their partnership.

Pearson's Charge

Pearson has charged that the loan to the Nixon family was carried on the books of the Hughes Tool Co. as a disbursement to Waters, a long-time Hughes attorney.

In August, 1958, Maheu took over work of a political nature for the Hughes interests in Washington that had formerly

been handled by Waters.

King had served previously as vice president and general manager of Southern Comfort, Inc., the liquor firm. Maheu and King have a second firm, Maheu and King Maritime Assn., Inc., in the same offices as Maheu and King Associates, Inc.

Asked what he'd done during the time he left Nixon's office, in 1958, until he joined Maheu, King paused for a long time, then replied:

"I became associated with a firm retained by the Hughes Co. in January, 1960."

Mother Makes Statement

In another development today, Mrs. Hannah Nixon, mother of Donald Nixon and the Vice President, said Donald had given a true account of the loan from the Hughes Tool Co.

In a statement Sunday, Donald acknowledged the \$205,000 came from Hughes' firm. He said his mother had put up a lot she owned in the Nixon home town, Whittier, Calif., as collateral. Commenting on Pearson's charge that the Hughes interests benefited after the loan, Donald said:

"I have never asked my brother to do anything for me or anyone else in the government, and if I did ask I know he would refuse."

Mrs. Hannah Nixon said in a statement released in Los Angeles:

"When I realized my son Donald was in financial difficulties, I offered to mortgage my property at the corner of Santa Gertrudes and Whittier Blvd. in an attempt to get a loan for him to save his business."

Deeded Her Property

"Although this represented a substantial part of my property I was most willing to do it for him, as any other mother would be willing to help her son."

"When Nixon's Inc. [Donald's firm] failed, I deeded the property to [accountant Phillip] Reiner in payment of the loan."

Reiner was a member of a management committee named to oversee Donald Nixon's bankrupt chain. He told The Post Tuesday that all major decisions on the \$205,000 loan were cleared with Vice President Nixon, whose name he said was shielded in memoranda by code words.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-350)
SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES OF TOP HOODLUMS
IN THE CHICAGO AREA

McDonald
Robert Mahon

DAILY SUMMARY

Re Chicago Daily Summary airtel, 2/2/62.

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[redacted] advised during the early morning hours of 2/1/62 that GIANCANA conferred with several unknown individuals in the outside dining room in the vicinity of the informant with the resultant conversation:

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.....so they told JOE (probably JOSEPH P. GLIMCO).....understand he's out of town (meaning GIANCANA).....yeah and they are going on blah, blah, blah. And they said yeah [redacted] gave Chicago FBI a hard time blah, blah, blah..... They said I called them a lot of dirty names.....They're gonna nail me. I know it. Sooner or later they're gonna find me in something that's what I get from Washington..... So they said they said I gave them a lot of lip, blah, blah, blah. Talking about me you know..... They're nutty.....(talking now about GIANCANA's interview by SAs RALPH R. HILL and WILLIAM F. ROEMER, July, 1961)..... It's a small world they said.....he is one of their main guys. So he said all I want to talk to you about is one certain individual and you know who he is. We only want to ask you one question he said. Gave me a lot of yakity yak... They know what I was doing with that fellow, I had a little investigation going of my own. I know what them guys wanted when I got off the plane. He said all I want to do is ask you one question. Do you know a certain individual? HILL did. He's a cocky (obs). I said yeah I know him he's a dirty (obs) just like you are (laughs)..... But he said that's all I wanted to know about this other guy you know. Then he asked me about somebody else, and I said who the (obs) knows about that (obs). I said he's another (obs) like you. All that (obs) did was laugh at me.....

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(Desultory conversation ensues. GIANCANA apparently holding court over the dinner table.)

GIANCANA accompanied by [redacted] was interviewed in July, 1961, by SAs HILL and ROEMER at O'Hare International Airport when they disembarked from a plane which had just arrived from Phoenix, Arizona. GIANCANA was asked specifically whether or not he was acquainted with one ROBERT MAHEU, who is described as a go between for the CIA. ROBERT MAHEU, former SA, was involved in a matter in Las Vegas, Nevada, whereby an erstwhile boy friend of [redacted] one DAN ROWAN, discovered that wire tapping devices were in his, ROWAN's, hotel room in Las Vegas. One [redacted] was discovered removing tape.

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recordings from ROWAN's room. This was tied in with GIANCANA inasmuch as it was believed that GIANCANA was responsible for the wire tap. It was subsequently ascertained that GIANCANA was being utilized by the CIA in an attempt through GIANCANA's contacts in Cuba to penetrate the CASTRO regime. During the course of the so-called interview with GIANCANA by the Bureau Agents, GIANCANA was abusive, arrogant, and extremely hostile. His hostility and abuse were pointedly ignored by the interviewing Agents which further angered GIANCANA.

It is noted that JOSEPH P. GLIMCO, Chicago top hoodlum, was interviewed by SAs ROEMER and JOSEPH H. SERVEL recently, at which time GLIMCO displayed a friendly though not entirely cooperative attitude. GLIMCO obviously reported this interview immediately to GIANCANA.

JOHN D'ARCO: (discusses problems of Republican Party) The trouble with them is they can't get together. They're split from the top on down. The top is fighting GOLDWATER (Senator BARRY GOLDWATER, Arizona). They won't get together. They don't know what they're doing.

ROEMER was looking for.....

GIANCANA: Yeah he talked to him.

UNKNOWN: He talked to ROEMER?

GIANCANA: Yeah. He wanted to know if he saw so and so, blah, blah, blah..... Yeah ROEMER and HILL they talked to him, gave him the same old (obs). So he says yeah I know him, we were raised in the same kettle..... Well they have a job to do so they just go in.....

The above conversation relates to an interview conducted by SAs HILL and ROEMER of PETER C. GRANATA, Illinois

State Representative and leader of the West Side Republican political bloc, a long-time associate of GIANCANA. GRANATA has in the past, according to [redacted] conferred with GIANCANA pertaining to political appointments. GRANATA, who was interviewed on 1/25/62, admitted his acquaintanceship with GIANCANA, MURRAY HUMPHREYS, ET AL, explaining that he and GIANCANA were brought up in the same Italian neighborhood in Chicago. GRANATA during this interview gave a most illustrative description of politicians describing 50 per cent of politicians as prostitutes and the other 50 per cent as being "just plain whores." The conversation continued:

GIANCANA:same old thing.....they don't know what they're doing and they don't know what I'm doing. They don't know where I am or where I've been. How they gonna find out anything? The only way they find out is if somebody tells 'em. They lay around hoping they can see me come in or go out, but I see them. So I see them around and I take a cab and go for a ride, get out two blocks away and go for a walk. I came in from Florida last night. I came in about 6:00 o'clock. Before that the broad ([redacted]) and I was in Rome, then I went to Spain, then I went to San Juan. From there I went to Miami. Her and I left together from Puerto Rico. Immigration authorities said oh yeah. They said where'd you go and I told 'em none of your business and he said well I can find out and I said go ahead and find out. So they told me where I'd been and I stayed at such and such a hotel.

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[redacted] advised during the early morning of 2/2/62 that GIANCANA held a conference with ROCCO POTENZO, his representative for Niles and other northern Cook County suburbs, which was as follows: b2

POTENZO: I never quit before and I don't give a (obs) now.

GIANCANA: The G? (Obs) the G.

POTENZO: Like in my casino if you come from Wisconsin or some place. If he can make money (obs) 'em. Listen.

GIANCANA: As long as you haven't got a car picking customers up.

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POTENZO:

We ain't got nobody. I don't want nobody, I don't want no drivers. I chased the driver out. I chased the 6 for 5 guys out, if the customer is that good I'll give it to him, I don't want to charge him as long as the guy pays me. Just like a couple of guys come to me they want 6 for 5. I don't want that (obs). Because you know what it's gonna do it's gonna create a big thing for nothing. That's the thing. I told MITCH I said listen, you guys aren't gonna use that joint I says I have the place, I'll pay the rent and I'll use it. The one on Dennison. They ain't using it.

GIANCANA:

Where's [REDACTED]

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POTENZO:

He's in Florida. You know I talked to..... this guy is more scared than [REDACTED] I told him right out. Now [REDACTED] is gotta go tomorrow to the G. They want to see him, they want to meet him in.....office. They want to know why we ain't filing for the horses. I already told 'em we ain't booking horses, we gave it up, so they say what'd you give it up for. So we say you broadcast all the stamp holders. You got us all in the newspapers. Horse business, no forget about it. There ain't that much left. If I can just go at night. Do you know how much the nut is for a horse book? \$255.00 a day and then that's besides the kick, the rent.

GIANCANA:

What're you going downtown for?

POTENZO:

I have to go pick up money. Like this guy next to the Roosevelt Theater, we give him credit and the next day he leaves town. What do you think I go downtown every day? I only go down once a month.

GIANCANA:

OK, just be careful and go along, don't pay no attention.

(both leave)

This conversation relates to the bookmaking activities in the northern suburbs. POTENZO apparently has a gambling casino in operation which could possibly be the Riviera Lounge

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in Niles which has been used for years as a combination bookmaking parlor and gambling casino. [redacted] is the individual whose name has been used as the holder of the Federal gambling stamp for this operation in years past. It seems apparent now that they do not contemplate any horse booking operation and their gambling will be limited to the casino-type operation. Concerning bringing people over from Wisconsin to play the game it seems possible that [redacted] is not concerned about these people coming over from Wisconsin feeling that he is immune from prosecution because of the fact that he is not using drivers, that his chauffeurs do pick these people up but they come of their own volition. The Chicago Office intends to follow this matter closely in an attempt to establish a violation of the ITAR statute on the part of [redacted], ET AL.

[redacted] advised that there was considerable information in addition to the above furnished on 2/2/62 which will be submitted immediately upon transcription.

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Director, FBI

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A former SA of the FBI, with whom the Bureau has been most circumspect in its dealings, advised the Bureau on 7-6-61 that under the old Korean regime, his firm had been negotiating with the Embassy of Korea and in particular the [redacted] to represent the country of South Korea in a public relations capacity.

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Letter to SAC, WFO

Re: [REDACTED]

In regard to the above information it does not appear that any action is warranted at this time [REDACTED]

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NOTE:

Above information concerning subject was telephonically furnished to Mr. Belmont by former SA Robert A. Maheu of Maheu Associates on 7-6-61. By way of background Maheu entered on duty as a SA 12-9-40 and resigned 7-24-47. The Bureau has been most circumspect in its dealings with him since 1953. Maheu experienced financial difficulties around that time and was reportedly sued for legal service rendered him. He has attempted to capitalize on his former FBI employment and boastfully stated that he had been recommended by the Director for the position he held. In his operations of a private investigative agency (Maheu Associates), his ethics and trustworthiness have been questionable. In 1955 he was called into the Bureau and cautioned against rumors that his agency had access to information in FBI files.

In view of the above information concerning Maheu, it is felt we should not identify him in this letter to WFO.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

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FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT:

[REDACTED] Et al.
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This case involves a wire tap placed on the telephone of Dan Rowan of the comedy team of Rowan and Martin by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who runs a private investigating agency in Miami, Florida. [REDACTED] admits to having been assigned to surveil Rowan in Las Vegas, Nevada, and was accompanied by G. W. Harrison, not further known to him who was supplied by Robert Maheu, another former Bureau Agent. [REDACTED]

a girl friend of Sam Giancana. Giancana is under investigation by the Chicago Office as a top hoodlum.

Maheu claimed that he ordered coverage of Rowan in behalf of Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) efforts to obtain intelligence information in Cuba through the hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana, which had interest there. Maheu said he was put in contact with Giancana in connection with these intelligence activities through John Roselli; a Los Angeles top hoodlum. Maheu authorized wiring of Rowan's room and discussed this matter with John Roselli.

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

The Department, by memorandum dated 1/31/62, has requested that we reinterview [REDACTED]

- 1- Mr. Evans
1- Liaison Section

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

Re: [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : MR. SULLIVAN

DATE: April 5, 1962

FROM : D. J. BRENNAN

SUBJECT:

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ACTION:

The above information is being directed to the
attention of the Investigative Division.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Papich

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THE CRIMINAL DIVISION
OF THE DEPT, which
HAS BEEN CONSIDERING
THIS CASE, WILL BE
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MEMO HRC Miller
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Wear:MC

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Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

February 9, 1962

Director, FBI

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Reference is made to your memorandum of January 31,
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NOTE: This case involves a wire tap placed on the telephone
of Dan Rowan of the comedy team of Rowan and Martin by [Redacted]
[Redacted] and [Redacted] Robert Maheu, a former Bureau Agent,
is a possible subject in this case in that he claimed he ordered
the coverage of Rowan in behalf of the CIA's efforts to obtain
intelligence information in Cuba. [Redacted]

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Robert A. Maheu Associates

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January 13, 1969

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Hon. William P. Gray
Judge, United States District Court
Federal Courthouse
Los Angeles, California

Dear Judge Gray

It is my understanding that the Probation Office in Los Angeles is presently conducting its normal inquiry following the conviction of Mr. Maurice H. Friedman, of Las Vegas, Nevada, in connection with what has become known as the Friars case.

As of possible assistance in your evaluation of Mr. Friedman's background in considering probation, I would like to say that I have known Maurice Friedman for several years. Apart from the difficulties attending the recent trial, I am unfamiliar with any occasion upon which he has otherwise been confronted with legal problems. From a rather wide acquaintance in the business and social community of Las Vegas, I have uniformly observed that he has heretofore enjoyed an excellent reputation as an able business man, a generous contributor to worthy causes, and a valued civic leader.

I should note that I am likewise acquainted with Mrs. Friedman and that I have found both she and her husband to be good family people and well respected in the social community of the area in which they live.

I think I should mention that within the past few months I have had occasion to negotiate with Mr. Friedman as the principal party among the sellers the purchase of a large hotel in Las Vegas, specifically, the Frontier Hotel. Incident to extensive negotiations, during which I represented the buyer, I found Mr. Friedman to be able, cooperative, and scrupulously honest. His word was as good as his bond in all instances.

In the event I can be of further assistance in this matter, I would be pleased to supply any additional information that might be required.

Respectfully yours

Robert A. Maheu

Robert A. Maheu
Chief Executive
Hughes-Nevada Operations

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Airtel to SAC, Los Angeles
Re: JOHN ROSELLI

The other subjects were sentenced on 2/3/69, as follows: Roselli, five years and \$85,000 fine; Friedman, 6 years and \$100,000 fine; Teitelbaum, 4 years and \$75,000 fine.

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The Los Angeles Office has forwarded Xerox copies of letters written during pre-sentence investigation on behalf of various subjects to the District Judge. Of interest to receiving field offices are letters written by four former FBI Agents; [REDACTED] presently located at Washington, D. C.; Robert A. Mahou, presently located at Las Vegas, Nevada; [REDACTED] presently located at Reno, Nevada; and [REDACTED] presently at Gulfport, Mississippi.

Copies of letters written by the above are enclosed to pertinent offices for information.

In view of the above, you should insure that any dealings with these former Agents are most circumspect.

NOTE: In view of the letters written by former Bureau Agents in behalf of these convicted hoodlums, the Director has instructed that if their names were on the mailing list, they be removed. Only the name of [REDACTED] was on the mailing list and it has been removed. The Director also instructed that copies of the letters written by these former employees be sent to pertinent field offices.

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Date: 1/29/69

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Robert A. Mahew

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (166-3200)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (166-1048)

RE: JOHN ROSELLI, aka; also known as
ET AL Interstate Transportation in Aid of Racketeering
ITAR - GAMBLING; ETC.
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are Xerox copies of letters written to U. S. District Judge WILLIAM P. GRAY and/or to the Probation Officer, Los Angeles on behalf of the defendants found guilty in the Friars Club ITAR - Gambling trial. Interstate Transportation in Aid of Racketeering

For the information of the Bureau, on 12/2/68, La Cosa Nostra member and hoodlum JOHN ROSELLI; MAURICE H. FRIEDMAN, former hotel operator, Las Vegas, Nevada; T. W. RICHARDSON, former hotel operator, Las Vegas, Nevada; Los Angeles bookmaker MANUEL RICKIE JACOBS, and political fixer BENJAMIN TENTEBAUM, after a six month trial, Los Angeles, were found guilty of ITAR - Gambling, Conspiracy and ITSP for their participation in the crime. All defendants tried and in addition, Dr. VICTOR G. LANDS who pled guilty, were found guilty on every count of the indictment which went to the jury, which counts totaled 49. Sentencing is set in

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U. S. District Court, Los Angeles for 2/3/69, before U. S. District Judge WILLIAM GRAY for the Friars Club defendants.

Some of the letters that were written on behalf of the defendants attesting to their fine character, honesty, standing in the community, etc., were written by various prominent individuals who may be of particular interest to the Bureau. They included, but are not limited to, the following:

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NSA Former Bureau employee *nml*

ROBERT A. MAHEU, Executive for HOWARD HUGHES *nml*

Alleged retired former FBI Agent, *Reviewed from m.f. 2/5/69*

Alleged former FBI Agent *nml*

The enclosures noted above are broken down under defendants' names and are submitted herewith for the Bureau because of the individual professional positions they hold or because they are known to have had contact with the FBI in the past.

As the Bureau is aware, prior to his conviction in the Friars Club trial, JOHN ROSELLI, in May, 1968, was convicted in U. S. District Court, Los Angeles in a case which was handled by the FBI for failure to register as an alien, which case was handled by U. S. District Judge PEIRSON M. HALL. The date for sentencing this case will be set on 2/3/69. The letters submitted to Judge HALL on behalf of ROSELLI were duplicated by the U. S. Probation Officer and made available to U. S. District Judge GRAY.

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JOHN ROSELLI

Letter dated 6/6/68, to Judge HALL by GEORGE D. BURROWS, former Director and Officer, Allied Artists Picture Corporation, Los Angeles, California.

Letter dated 6/10/68, to Judge HALL by LOU GREENSPAN, Executive Director, Producers Guild of America.

Letter dated 6/10/68, written to Judge HALL by Actor GEORGE JESSEL, one of the founders of Friars Club.

Letter dated 6/10/68, to Judge HALL from the law firm of Covey and Covey.

Letter dated 8/7/68, to Judge HALL from M. FRANZ BREITLING, President of the Ajax West Coast Corporation.

Letter dated 7/2/68, to Judge HALL from [redacted]

Undated letter written in longhand to Judge HALL from [redacted], wife of [redacted].

Letter dated 5/8/68, to Judge HALL from Rev. JOSEPH M. CLARK, Chaplain, St. Joseph Hospital, Phoenix, Arizona and a similar letter from Rev. CLARK dated 7/1/68, to the U. S. Probation Officer, Los Angeles.

T. W. RICHARDSON

Letter dated 12/10/68, to Judge GRAY from [redacted] former Special Agent, FBI, currently member of the law firm Daniel, Coker, Horton and Dukes, Gulfport, Mississippi. (In this letter [redacted] identifies himself as a retired FBI Agent who served as Senior Resident Agent,

Gulfport, Mississippi. He contends he was closely associated with interstate gambling activities and was responsible for the investigation and conviction of [redacted] of Tulsa, Oklahoma. He admits knowing T. W. RICHARDSON personally, describes him as a square gambler, and concludes by his statement that although he has no awareness of the facts, RICHARDSON was a victim of circumstances.) (For the information of the Bureau, it is to be noted that following receipt of these letters, the trial judge over-ruled the guilty verdict of the jury and threw out the conviction of T. W. RICHARDSON.)

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Letter dated 12/13/68, to Judge GRAY by [redacted] The relationship, if any, between the JAMES DUKES and former FBI Agent [redacted] is not known by this Division.

Letter dated 12/13/68, to Judge GRAY by W. W. COLE, Constable, Las Vegas Township, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Letter dated 12/13/68, to Judge GRAY written by (Circuit Court Judge STANTON T. HALL, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Letter dated 12/12/68, to Judge GRAY from MILTON WALDOFF of Waldoff's, Inc.; who is also President of Chamber of Commerce, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Letter dated 12/12/68, to Judge GRAY from Rev. JERRY FURR, Minister, Trinity United Methodist Church. *USA*

Letter dated 12/11/68, to Judge GRAY from JACK ADAM, Reverend and Founder of St. Jude's Ranch for Children. *USA*

Letter dated 12/13/68, to Judge GRAY from E. PARRY THOMAS, Chairman of the Board, Bank of Las Vegas. *NEVADA*

Letter dated 12/5/68, to Judge GRAY from J. A. EILBRAY, Clark County Assessor, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Letter dated 12/11/68, to Judge GRAY from Attorney JAMES T. COUCH, former U. S. Attorney, Arkansas.

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~~Letter dated 12/7/68, to Judge GRAY from Attorney THOMAS A. FOLEY, Las Vegas, Nevada.~~

Letter dated 12/13/68, from [redacted] New York City.

~~Letter dated 12/16/68, to Judge GRAY from GEORGE E. FRANKLIN, JR., District Attorney, Las Vegas, Nevada.~~

~~Letter dated 12/12/68, to Judge GRAY from PAUL H. HOLMES, law partner, Holmes and Dukes, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, enclosing a letter written by the father of HOLMES to T. W. RICHARDSON, 7/26/50, at which time HOLMES was the Mayor of Hattiesburg, Mississippi.~~

MAURICE H. FRIEDMAN

Letter dated 1/6/69, to Judge GRAY from Actor GEORGE JESSEL.

~~Letter dated 12/16/68, to Judge GRAY from GOODWIN J. KNIGHT, Director, Imperial Bank, Los Angeles. (it is noted that GOODWIN J. KNIGHT was former governor of California.)~~ *calif*

~~Letter dated 12/13/68, to Judge GRAY from HERBERT GLASER, Vice President, Board of Fire Commissioners, City of Los Angeles.~~ *calif*

Letter dated 12/12/68, to Judge GRAY from W. W. COLE, Constable, Las Vegas Township, Las Vegas, Nevada.

~~Letter dated 12/21/68, to Judge GRAY from PAUL PRICE, employee, Las Vegas Sun Newspaper, Las Vegas, Nevada.~~

~~Letter dated 12/11/68, to Judge GRAY from Dr. AARON S. GOLD, Rabbi, Las Vegas, Nevada.~~

Letter dated 12/10/68, from A. B. ~~PARVIN~~, *USA*
~~Parvin/Dohrmann Company to Judge GRAY.~~

[redacted] Letter dated 12/13/68, to Judge GRAY from
of New York City, New York.

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~~Letter dated 12/9/68, to Judge GRAY from DAVID ZENOFF, Justice, Supreme Court of Nevada.~~

~~Letter dated 12/12/68, to Judge GRAY from Superior Court Judge ALFRED GITELSON, Los Angeles.~~

~~Letter dated 12/12/68, from ROBERT I. GLUCKSTEIN, President, Public Utilities and Transportation Commission, City of Los Angeles to Judge GRAY.~~

~~Letter dated 12/11/68, to Judge GRAY from SAMUEL S. LIONEL from the law firm Lionel and Sawyer, Las Vegas, Nevada. (LIONEL is partner of GRANT SAWYER, former Nevada Governor.)~~

~~Letter dated 12/9/68, to Judge GRAY from JAMES A. BILBRAY, Clark County Assessor, Las Vegas, Nevada.~~

~~Letter dated 12/9/68, from THOMAS J. O'DONNELL, State District Judge, Clark County, Nevada to Judge GRAY.~~

~~Letter dated 12/12/68, to Judge GRAY from MADISON B. GRAVES, of Las Vegas law firm Morse, Graves, etc.~~

~~Letter dated 12/12/68, to Judge GRAY from HANK GREENSPUN, Publisher, Las Vegas Sun Newspaper.~~

~~Letter dated 12/11/68, to Judge GRAY from [redacted]~~

~~[redacted] (It is noted that [redacted] is a former Special Agent of the FBI.)~~

~~Letter dated 12/20/68, to Judge GRAY from State Judge JOHN E. SEXTON, Third Judicial District, State of Nevada.~~

~~Letter dated 12/12/68, to Judge GRAY from E. PARRY THOMAS, Chairman of the Board, Bank of Las Vegas.~~

~~Letter dated 12/9/68, to Judge GRAY from J. A. DONNELLEY, attorney at law, San Diego, California.~~

~~Letter dated 12/10/68, to Judge GRAY from B. FRANK WILLIAMS of the firm Williams & Tongate, Planters, Osceola, Arkansas. (In said letter, B. FRANK WILLIAMS~~

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identified himself as an Arkansas State Senator for 10 years and closely associated with Senators MC CLELLAN and FULBRIGHT.)

Letter dated 12/12/68, to Judge GRAY from Attorney VIRGIL H. WEDGE of the law firm Woodburn, Forman, Wedge, etc., Reno, Nevada. (In this letter WEDGE identifies himself as being a former Special Agent of the FBI for four years and the current President of the Washoe County Bar Association.)

Letter dated 12/11/68, from G. WILLIAM COULTHARD, Attorney at Law, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Letter dated 1/13/69, to Judge GRAY from ROBERT A. MAHEU, Chief Executive, Hughes-Nevada Operations.

BENJAMIN TEITELBAUM

✓ Letter dated 12/20/68, to Judge GRAY from [redacted] was a victim in the Friars Club trial.) *USA*

Letter dated 12/16/68, to Judge GRAY from ERNEST E. ADEES, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County. *calif*

Letter dated 12/23/68, from [redacted] to BENJAMIN TEITELBAUM [redacted] resides Los Angeles and was a possible co-conspirator in Friars Club trial.) *calif*

MANUEL RICKIE JACOBS

Letter dated 1/16/69, to Judge GRAY by M. J. MIRKIN, President of Budget Rent-A-Car System, Los Angeles.

Letter dated 1/14/69, to Judge GRAY from [redacted] Los Angeles. *calif*

The above information is being made available to the Bureau to make a matter of record the identities of those

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individuals who have written letters on behalf of the defendants in this case requesting leniency for them at sentencing.

Copies of the letters sent to Judge GRAY are enclosed to the Bureau for the completion of its files. The possibility exists the Bureau may desire to disseminate to the appropriate field divisions copies of these letters so that the interested field divisions can be placed on notice if appropriate as to the character, propensity, and reliability of the authors residing in the various Divisions.

February 3, 1969

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

John Roselli, West Coast representative of Chicago La Cosa Nostra "family" and four others were recently convicted at Los Angeles, California, for cheating at cards at the Friars Club, Beverly Hills, California. Since conviction, a pre-sentence investigation by the U. S. Probation Office has been conducted. Los Angeles Office has reported that a number of prominent individuals have written to the U. S. District Judge and to the Probation Officer, Los Angeles, on behalf of the defendants. Among those who have written letters endorsing, not Roselli but some of the lesser defendants, are former Bureau employees

[redacted] and [redacted] Robert A. Maheu, [redacted] Los Angeles has recommended that copies of letters submitted by above former employees be disseminated to field offices covering their present locations. Special Investigative Division recommends that this information merely be recorded in the service files of these individuals for future reference. Copies of letters have been detached, except for letters written by the former agents.

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Robert A. Maheu
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Hughes Offers to Build New Jetport for Vegas

FBI ex-agent Robert A. Maheu is in charge of Howard 'Hughes' Nevada operations. Like Hughes, Maheu is a hard man to track down, but like all of Hughes' men is dedicated to his boss.



Robert A. Maheu

Hard man to track down.

"I've only known one other man who commands the sort of loyalty from his people that Hughes does," Maheu told a visitor to his out-of-the-way office recently, "and that is J. Edgar Hoover. Hughes is unfailingly polite to the people who work for him. I've never seen him anything but kind and considerate."

Maheu laughs indulgently at the rumors.

"You have to understand that we're the targets for every con-man and sure-thing artist in the world. Mr. Hughes isn't really isolated; he has interests all over the world and he keeps himself informed on what's going on. His typical method of operation is to delegate authority, to put good men in charge of his enterprises and then give them a free hand to run them."

"A LOT OF foolishness has been written about how he works. He doesn't act on impulse. Before he makes an offer on a property he knows a tremendous amount about it. He didn't merely look across the street at the Frontier and decide to buy it."

(Industry sources in Las Vegas confirm the judgment that Hughes is a shrewd investor. "Every deal he has made here has been a real good one," one businessman-politician said.)

In speeches and in very carefully worded — almost

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stilted — press releases, Maheu (sometimes quoting Hughes directly and sometimes paraphrasing him) has sought to quell the feverish speculation that came in the wake of Hughes' first purchases here.

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"We consider ourselves serious and conscientious people," one release said after a fresh flood of rumors had the Hughes organization moving its California operations to Las Vegas. "We would never entertain the thought of making an unfounded statement which would cause the county officials to make provisions for a great influx of people and add additional classrooms at the taxpayers' expense."

"Furthermore, we have no desire to cause investments on the strength of rumors for which we are not responsible."

The release ended with the flat statement: "We have no plans to move any appreciable number of persons from California to Las Vegas at this time or in the foreseeable future."

THE RUMORS didn't stop, although the suspicion began to grow that perhaps Hughes' Nevada operations were no more and no less than they were represented to be—canny investments by a preternaturally shrewd, uncountably wealthy man. On

the record that is everything the Las Vegas story amounts to.

Hughes, one of the most creative pioneers in the aviation industry, wants to build Las Vegas a new airport that will accommodate both supersonic and jumbo jets. The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$300,000,000, plus perhaps that much again for the rapid transit system Hughes thinks should link it with the city.

Not unreasonably, Hughes would like to swap the new airport for the present McCarran Field, which is closer to Las Vegas but which cannot economically be expanded to meet the needs of the Houston-sized city Hughes thinks Las Vegas is destined to become. In that case the present airport will become very valuable real estate.

A clue to Hughes' almost painful precision with words is found in the controversy that the airport proposal aroused. Few people in Las Vegas could believe that the mysterious Croesus was proposing a straightforward and apparently equitable deal with the burghers of Clark (Las Vegas) County.

Some politicians tried to make capital of dark plots they claimed to see in the proposal, which moved Hughes to a tart rejoinder (again delivered by press release):

"... In case anyone thinks I have secret information disclosing that someone left a package of diamonds behind in one of the lockers at McCarran," Hughes said, "I will gladly give the county the option of buying the new airport at its cost instead of exchanging McCarran Field for it. And in this event, the cost will contain no profit, or fee of any kind, also no interest for the use of the funds involved."

LAS VEGAS, which lives on percentage points subdivided to the hundredth degree, had trouble understanding that.

"Tying up that kind of money for as long as it takes to build an airport," said one Hughes-watcher, "would cost him \$7,000,000 or \$8,000,000 in interest alone. What's the percentage in it for him?"

"Mr. Hughes," observed his principal Nevada lieutenant, Robert Maheu, "doesn't want anyone to think there is any sharp practice involved. He's the sort of man who puts his money where his mouth it."

"He has offered to build the new jetport and then to sell it to the county at cost—to be fixed by impartial appraisal—and there can't be any sharp practice in that. It just means he means it when he says he thinks Clark County has a great potential for future growth."

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Maheu To Host Former FBI Agents

About 150 former FBI agents will march on the Desert Inn this weekend — to talk over old times at the Western Regional Conference of the Society of Former Federal Bureau of Investigation agents.

PLAYING HOST to the fellowship meeting will be Robert Maheu, a former agent and now chief executive officer for Howard Hughes.

In attendance will be 14 former agents who reside in Las Vegas and chairmen and members of chapters in California, Washington, Oregon, Arizona and Utah, said Harvey Peters, project manager for security for the Atomic Energy Commission and chairman of the Las Vegas chapter.

GOV. PAUL Laxalt is scheduled to talk to the group Friday evening, said Peters.

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4 "Las Vegas Review-Journal," Las Vegas, Nevada

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Gazette Economic News Analysis

What Did Hughes Aide Achieve in Nevada Speech?

By WARREN LERUDE

What did Robert A. Maheu achieve this week when he told Nevada business and political leaders he had nothing to say at this time about industrial plans of Howard Hughes?

He disappointed some of the 900 persons who packed the Sands Hotel Grand Ballroom in anticipation of an evening of high financial romance.

Many had gotten out their longest fur coats and brightest jewels and others had fiddled with their tuxedo shirt studs, figuring the event would be worth the trouble and the \$10 tickets.

There was a gay, busy atmosphere at the cocktail party before the dinner speech as members of the state's power circle hopped and hoped about.

Then Maheu — a New Englander who got his law degree at Georgetown in 1940, worked as an FBI agent on the East and West Coasts, ran a brokerage firm in Maine and operated in New York City and Washington, D.C., business circles prior to forming Robert A. Maheu Associates, a management consultant firm that now advises Hughes — walked to the rostrum.

Balding and stocky, the down-to-earth Maheu — who has been put in a position of being at

most the Crown Prince of Las Vegas as up to 100 persons, many of them flighty souls, telephone him every day with all kinds of proposals and scores of others shake his hand and smile at him as he moves about the city — addressed his powerful speaker's voice to the crowd. And there was a hush. "It is my intent this evening to meet our obligation to all of you in Nevada in an attempt to call to a screeching halt, once and for all, the innumerable and ill-timed rumors for which we are not responsible and which, if not curtailed, could easily cause economic chaos in an area the size of Las Vegas and in a state the size of Nevada . . . I am sure that all of you are anxious to hear about the total industrial plan of the Hughes organization for Nevada . . . Unfortunately, I have nothing to say about our plans for

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the future since we have no plans at this time."

Huh? wondered a lady, dressed in her finest finery.

How's that? said one tuxedo-clad gentleman to another.

What's this? a reporter figuring on a big story that would hit front pages around the world said to a colleague.

Rationalization quickly replaced immediate optimism, however, and the most glib phrase kicked about underneath the ballroom's tinkling chandeliers became: "Wise, very wise speech. No smart businessman

is going to tip his hand . . ."

And there was some adverse reaction — the stuff about Hughes seeking absolute control of Las Vegas and telling the people only what he wants to tell them.

But persons who really got to thinking about it, and a lot of the state's financial leaders did, for it was a speech that prompted reaction, came to a conclusion that things look optimistic, indeed, for Nevada and Howard Hughes on a sound basis.

Why?

Because Maheu represented honesty. There were some mum-

blings when persons like Gov.

Paul Laxalt called the speech "fortnightly." But that's exactly what it was.

Maheu, under terrific social pressure as speculation whipped about the state like a typical Las Vegas sandstorm, didn't pull any punches.

He looked a rather powerful group in its collective eye and spoke directly to the point.

The point, as analyzed by Jordan Crouch, a senior vice president of the First National Bank of Nevada who has gotten

a lot of feedback at his Reno office about the Las Vegas speech, is this:

"This is one of the best things that could be said because it puts people in the right line of thinking so that they know where Mr. Hughes stands. It is so easy for people to misunderstand and attach to economic matters erroneous ideas. Mr. Maheu was factual and honest, which sets the record straight. It was a good thing."

In a state where so many fabulous financial dreams of tomorrow have become tangled nightmares by the next day, it should be looked upon as a mark of Hughes' solidity that Maheu chose a solid approach.

He could have indicated something about making Nevada's deserts blossom with greenbacks through widespread Hughes fertilization overnight. Instead, he chose a conservative and logical business approach, and thereby hangs the optimism.

Anyone disappointed about the speech might remember that Hughes has invested in \$160 million or so in interests in the state in seven months. That isn't very disappointing.

Nor is an offer of \$1 million to help out a medical school and ease the burden of the taxpayers.

Nor is fantastic thinking about jet age travel plans for Southern Nevada, fast SST western regional terminal Hughes spoke of a while back and which will come up for more Hughes conversation in the future.

Nor is the optimism of a Las Vegas lawyer talking to a banker in the Northwest about investments right now based upon the Hughes presence in Las Vegas rather than the Hughes promise.

Nor is the baggage boy's optimism at the Castaways Hotel, an interest of Hughes, when he says to a customer, "See all the changes we're making around here."

Changes, but not the flesh-and-the-plan kind. As Maheu put it: "We are only seven months old in the business world of Nevada. We beg of you to give us an opportunity to move within the realm of sound business procedures."

That seems to be wise counsel for Nevadans.

4/20/67

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

It will be recalled that Howard Hughes recently purchased the Desert Inn Hotel Corporation in Las Vegas. A Las Vegas top echelon informant today advised that Robert Mahieu, former Bureau Agent, will take over management of this operation. It will be recalled that Mahieu's private investigative agency was in the past engaged by Hughes from time to time.

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URGENT 4-20-67 3:40 AM

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LOS ANGELES 200540

ALSO KNOWN AS Office of Origin
JOHN ROSELLI, AKA, AR, OO: LOS ANGELES
Anti-racketeering

[] ADVISED TODAY THAT ROBERT MAYHEW, FORMER BUREAU AGENT, HAS TAKEN OVER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DESERT INN HOTEL OPERATION, [] IS THE CASINO BOSS. JOHN ROSELLI HAS REPORTEDLY TOLD EMPLOYEES AT THE HOTEL THAT HE WOULD TAKE CARE OF THEIR JOBS. HANK GREENSPUN IS DRIVING HOWARD HUGHES AROUND FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS LOOKING AT PROPERTY. IT WAS GREENSPUN WHO BAILED ROSELLI OUT OF JAIL AT LAS VEGAS LAST DECEMBER 29. MAYHEW AND ROSELLI ARE REPORTEDLY FRIENDS.

[] ADVISED TODAY THAT ROSELLI TOLD HIM HE HE HAD SOLD HIS CAR AND QUIT DRIVING BECAUSE HE WAS AFRAID OF A BOMB BEING PLANTED TO GO OFF BY THE IGNITION. LAS VEGAS ADVISED AM.

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Dr. W. C. Sullivan

Dr. D. J. Brennan, Jr.

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Personnel File of Robert Bishop
at Boston

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Robert Bishop's firm is doing business with a number of firms in the U.S. and overseas.

Bishop is a former Bureau Agent who entered on duty in 1940 and resigned in 1947. For several years he has been operating a private investigative agency which has included the handling of public relations business. The Bureau has been most circumspect in its dealings with Bishop since 1953 when he experienced financial difficulties and was reportedly paid for legal services rendered him. In his operations, his ethics and trustworthiness have been questionable. In 1955, he was called into the Bureau and cautioned against rumors that his Agency had access to information in Bureau files. In 1952, he was a possible subject of a memo involving a collection drive but he claimed that

The Director made the notation of this memo "this is an embargo, etc."

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~~CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM~~

Re: ROBERT A. MAHAU

*Rec'd 8/3
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Secting [unclear]
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Former FBI agent, good reputation for loyalty, operates Robert A. Mahau Associates, 900 - 17th Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., telephone 296-3366.

Reportedly this firm among those used to get call- and party-girls to entertain visiting diplomats. Reportedly this firm supplied three call-girls for Sukarno.

Suggestion firm is either CIA cover shop or somehow closely related to CIA. (No indication Mahau ever on CIA rolls.)

*Sukarno angle previously
disposed of See 105-86033-24
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T. [unclear]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN *WC*

DATE: 4/10/64

FROM : MR. D. J. BRENNAN, JR. *DJB*

SUBJECT: ACHMED SUKARNO
PRESIDENT OF INDONESIA
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

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Robert Aime Mahew

Reference is made to the memorandum from Mr. Wannall to Mr. Sullivan in the above-captioned matter. Liaison was requested to endeavor to secure complete details from State in an attempt to locate a State Department document involving the securing of women for Sukarno during his visits to the United States.

From State Department records, Liaison Agent [] was able to determine that Sukarno has visited the U. S. on six occasions. The first visit in May and June, 1956 was an official "State" visit and the other five visits were not in this category. The other visits were in June, 1959; May, 1960, September and October, 1960, April, 1961, and September, 1961. Because Sukarno is the head of government, the State Department furnished physical protection for him during these visits. Mr. K. O. Lynch, Chief, Division of Physical Protection, Office of Security, State, advised that he personally accompanied Sukarno on these visits to the U. S., and that while he was staying at hotels or the Blair House in Washington, many people would come and go, including girls, and that someone on Sukarno's staff would give the word that these persons were permitted to enter. Mr. Lynch said State was not in any position to screen these persons if approval is given and that their sole purpose was to prevent bodily harm to Sukarno.

Concerning this matter, Liaison Agent [] also discussed it with Mr. William J. Crockett, Deputy, Under Secretary of State, who advised that State was making an investigation of this matter based on the newspaper article mentioned in referenced memorandum. Mr. Crockett said that Ambassador Flake was conducting this inquiry. On 4/9/64 Liaison Agent Bartlett talked to Ambassador Wilson C. Flake. He advised that based on recent newspaper articles alleging that call girls had been furnished to Sukarno and that this was the subject of a State Department

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Administrative Division
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Wannall
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Memo D. J. Brennan to W. C. Sullivan
Re: Achmed Sukarno
President of Indonesia
White Slave Traffic Act

document, he conducted an inquiry at the direction of Mr. Crockett in an attempt to pin this matter down. He stated that he was unable to locate any document at State as alleged in the newspaper articles and that he was unable to locate anyone at State who knew of such a document. He indicated that this is a well-known fact throughout the world that Sukarno has frequent female visitors in his bedroom both at home and when he travels, and that it is believed the arrangements for such girls were probably provided by some public relations firms who were on the payroll of the Indonesian Government. Ambassador Flake said the name of Robert Maheu Public Relations Firm came up during his inquiry but that he had no hard information that Maheu was involved in furnishing call girls to Sukarno.

D.C.

ACTION:

For information. No further action is recommended as document alleging White Slave Traffic cannot be located by State Department.

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* Robert Aime Maheu is the former FBI Special Agent who advised the Bureau on 10/25/57 that he learned the U. S. Embassy, Dominican Republic, received a memorandum alleging Maheu violated U. S. laws by furnishing girls to Sukarno during latter's visit to U. S. Soon after, Dominican official advised State that the Dominican Republic was attempting to blackmail U. S. into dropping charges against John Joseph Frank by alleging Maheu had furnished prostitutes to Sukarno. Maheu and Frank previously had been business associates. Maheu was in Bureau from 1940 to 1947 and resigned voluntarily. As of 10/25/61 he was residing in Tuscon, Arizona, where he had private business in the field of industrial security.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-22344)

SAC, WFO (105-40543) (P)

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(CO:WFO)

Robert A. O'Neil

Re: FOIA 12/27/63.

Enclosed are 5 copies of the LHM dated and captioned as above.

The interview of the subject, the results of which are set forth in the enclosed LHM, was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

In addition to the information set forth in the LHM, the subject stated that [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] He cited as an example of this the [redacted]

[redacted] and said he came into possession of the above information while associated with [redacted]

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he had refused as he preferred to remain independent as he is
now and always has been.

attorney, BOB HANNU, in a letter dated 10/5/54. WFO indicates disclosed that ROBERT A. HANNU is a former special agent and SAC letter 84-53 (K), dated 10/5/54, advised that this individual is a former special agent who had organized a private investigative organization which would do contractual work for congressional committees. Agents were instructed to be alert circumpect in all dealings with HANNU and representatives of this organization. HANNU is also the subject of a closed case captioned "ROBERT A. HANNU, et al, WFO." (WFO file 139-31).

On 12/10/03, [redacted] Office of Munitions
Control, United States Department of State (USDS), advised
[redacted] that the records of that office
contained no records of [redacted] records that he could find.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On 12/17/01, [redacted] Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, Pentagon, advised BA [redacted] that the records of that office contained no records regarding the subject and there was no interest in [redacted]

01/12/14/03 [redacted]
[redacted] Foreign Consulate, Department of Commerce, Division
[redacted] [redacted] had been located in the records of
that office. [redacted] however, due to the amount of work at the
office, and since the reference is to a closed case, there would
be some delay in locating this record. He stated he would advise
[redacted] when this information is available for review.

12/19/03 [redacted]
[redacted] Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury Department,
[redacted] that he could locate an official document
[redacted] records of that office. He did locate a reference
[redacted] which still was not immediately avail-
[redacted] Division.
[redacted] He stated that [redacted]
[redacted] know the details of this reference. However, [redacted]
[redacted] on annual leave until 1/6/04. He said no one else in the

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division could discuss the case.

On 12/20/61, [redacted]

[redacted] made available to CIA [redacted] the records of that office concerning [redacted]

[redacted] The information obtained is being set forth below and it is noted that [redacted] is the LTL on 12/20/61 to [redacted]

[redacted] was on file and it was stated that on [redacted] State Department License No. [redacted] was issued for this [redacted] on 4/26/61. Authority for this order was granted by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division of [redacted] The [redacted] Tax [redacted] was listed as [redacted]

[redacted] (It is believed that this may be the [redacted])

The file also contained a copy of a letter dated [redacted]

This letter was signed by [redacted]

On 12/20/61, the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division advised [redacted] that the documents attached to his letter of 6/9/61, were acceptable as proof of exportation and met the requirements of the [redacted] and it was stated that the matter was considered closed.

In his letter of 6/9/61, [redacted] advised that the Office of the Secretary of Defense had advised him that the Defense Department would [redacted]

[redacted] was "in charge." [redacted] advised [redacted]

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The file contained copies of the following letters:

A letter dated [REDACTED] from the Office of the
Secretary of Defense to [REDACTED]
the same regarding [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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A letter dated [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] to Customs,
concerning this shipment.

A letter dated [REDACTED] addressed to [REDACTED] in
concern [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] advised SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that he had [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in April 1953. In connection with [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

He stated that he knew of no derogatory information regarding
[REDACTED] political activities or political beliefs. He said
[REDACTED] was very interesting to talk to and appeared to him to
be very well educated and widely travelled.

[redacted] was reluctant to discuss the matter of [redacted] connection with this matter. [redacted] stated that he had been employed by [redacted] during World War II and has in the past cooperated with [redacted] to stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] was friendly and cooperative and expressed his willingness to assist this Bureau in any way he could.

[redacted] stated he has no information concerning the activities of [redacted] community as he has had no contact with [redacted] and that he has very little contact with [redacted] in Washington, D. C., and its personnel.

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The reference letter for [redacted] leads for the Bureau to determine through liaison any interest of [redacted] in [redacted] No additional investigation is being conducted until these leads have been covered.

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Complete results of interview [redacted] not furnished previously as the waiting results of inquiry by the Bureau [redacted]

The enclosed LHM is being classified "Confidential" since it discloses investigative interest in a foreign diplomatic official.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 3/19/81 BY SP4-jm/KZ

*CIA Info unclassified per [redacted]

FOIPA# 22,370

February 25, 1963

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MR. ROBERT AIME MAHEU

MAILED
FEB 27 1963
NAME CHECK

Mr. Maheu entered on duty in the Federal Bureau of Investigation December 9, 1940, as a Special Agent, Grade CAF 9, \$3200 per annum. After a period of training, he performed investigative duties. He submitted his voluntary resignation effective at the close of business July 24, 1947, at which time he was receiving salary of \$6623.40 per annum in Grade CAF 12.

Memorandum prepared for the Name Check Section for transmittal to the Central Intelligence Agency(CIA).

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The Bureau has been most circumspect in its dealings with Maheu since 1953. He experienced financial difficulties around that time and was reportedly sued for legal service rendered him. He has attempted to capitalize on his former FBI employment and boastfully stated that he had been recommended by the Director for a position he held. In his operations of a private investigative agency (Maheu Associates), his ethics and trustworthiness have been questionable. In 1955 he was called into the Bureau and cautioned against rumors that his agency had access to information in FBI files. Maheu was a possible subject of a case involving a telephone wire tap [redacted]

(The Director noted "This is an outrage.")

This write-up prepared in connection with [redacted]

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Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

April 10, 1962

Director, FBI

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[REDACTED] et al.
UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR
USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

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Robert Mahan

Reference is made to your memorandum dated
March 19, 1962, your file number 82-46-5.

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It is suggested that should you have any further
inquiry in this regard you may wish to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] No further action
will be taken by the FBI unless specifically requested by
the Department.

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NOTE: Prepared in accordance with Brennan to
Sullivan memo 4/5/62.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bresson *B*

FROM : *[Redacted]*

SUBJECT: ROBERT MAHEU
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT

DATE: 11/2/76

1 - *[Redacted]*

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Director Sec'y _____

PURPOSE:

To advise of a telephone call which I received on 11/1/76 from *[Redacted]* in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, regarding former Special Agent Robert Maheu.

DETAILS:

On 11/1/76 a man who identified himself as *[Redacted]* in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, called me regarding former Special Agent Robert Maheu. He said he understood that I had "followed and watched Maheu's activities." Ignatius advised that he was concerned with a union matter in the steel industry in which Maheu was apparently involved about 10 years ago. I informed this caller that he apparently had the wrong *[Redacted]* and he then asked was I the Don Smith who was formerly assigned to the FBI in Las Vegas, Nevada. I advised him that I was and he then informed me that I was the one to whom he desired to direct some questions. I again told him that although I knew who Robert Maheu is that I had not so much as ever seen Maheu to my knowledge and have never "followed" or "watched his activities." I kept trying to inform him that I could be of no assistance to him but he was insistent in asking questions about the Howard Hughes operations involving Maheu in Las Vegas. I asked him at this point how he got my name in connection with this matter and he laughingly advised that was something he could not disclose. I continued to inform him that I could be of no assistance to him at which time he finally asked if I could put him in touch with someone in Las Vegas who could furnish information regarding Maheu. I informed him I could not.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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TO LEGAT, OTTAWA
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (67-172006)

3-4-75

ROBERT MEIER, ET AL.; FPC.

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BUFILES NEGATIVE RE [REDACTED]

AND [REDACTED] ROBERT AIME MAHEU, EX- FBI
AGENT 12-9-40 TO 7-24-47, RECEIVED WIDE-SPREAD PUBLICITY
1974 RE SLANDER SUIT AGAINST SUMMA CORPORATION OWNED BY
HOWARD HUGHES. BUFILES CONTAIN NO ADDITIONAL PERTINENT DATA.
(67-172006)

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TO DIRECTOR NR. 047-20
FROM LEGAT OTTAWA IP

FEB 20 1975

ATTENTION NAME CHECK.

[REDACTED] ET AL. FPC.

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NAME CHECK
RM. 5425 JEH

RCMP REQUESTS ON AN URGENT BASIS ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING
FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHICH WOULD REFLECT ADVERSELY ON CHARACTER:

N 1) [REDACTED] REPORTEDLY AFFILIATED WITH HUGHES TOOL
COMPANY AND LAND SPECULATION IN THE SALT LAKE CITY AREA.

N 2) [REDACTED] YEARS OF AGE, OF [REDACTED]
NEVADA AND FORMERLY OF [REDACTED]

N 3) [REDACTED] TELEPHONE
NUMBER [REDACTED]

4) BOB MAHEU OF LOS ANGELES, EX-FBI AGENT, TELEPHONE
NUMBER 702-735-0049 RPT 702-735-0049.

SUCAB.

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MAR 2 1975

CAB to [REDACTED]
FTH: [REDACTED]
3-4-75

11:34 AM FEB 20 1975

cc NAME CHECK
RM. 5425 JEH

FEB 26 1975

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Robert A Maheu

Howard Hughes Company Must Pay \$2.8 Million to Slandered Ex-Aide

By Robert Meyers A-3
 Special to The Washington Post

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 4—A company owned by Howard R. Hughes must pay Hughes ex-aide Robert A. Maheu more than \$2.8 million, a U.S. District Court jury ruled today.

The jury also ruled that Maheu, 57, once the top aide of the billionaire, must pay Summa Corp. \$47,744 in counter claims. The firm contended that he used that amount in company personnel and money for his personal benefit.

The jury reached its verdict during the sixth day of deliberation. Maheu was not in the courtroom. Both sides are expected to appeal the judgments.

The slander suit judgment of \$2,823,333.30 was made against the Summa Corp., which is wholly owned by Hughes. Now believed to be in London, he had called Maheu "a no-good son of a bitch who stole me blind." Hughes

also said, "The money's gone and he's got it."

Those remarks were made during a Jan. 7, 1972, press conference called by Hughes to deny the claim of author Clifford Irving that his biography of Hughes was legitimate. Reporters in Los Angeles asked questions of Hughes via telephone. He was then in the Bahamas. One questioner wanted to know why Hughes had fired Maheu in 1970. Hughes gave the answer that finally led to today's decision.

During the first stage of the trial, which was heard by U.S. District Court Judge Harry Pregerson from last March to June, Summa defended itself by claiming the remarks were true. The same six-member jury, however, decided that the remarks were not true, and the trial proceeded to the penalty phase, which terminated today.

Maheu contended that his reputation had been irreparably damaged. On the stand he sobbed that the remarks

had "ruined me completely." He told the jury he had anticipated grossing \$600,000 a year, with a net income of \$300,000 annually for the rest of his life.

Maheu, a former FBI agent, began working for Hughes in the mid-1950s. In 1967 he took a staff position, earning \$520,000 a year. He also received the free use of a palatial home as well as cars, yachts, airplanes and private clubs.

Summa Corp. attorney Norbert Schlei, however, ridiculed Maheu's alleged income potential. He called a certified public accountant as a witness to testify that in fact Maheu had averaged a net of only about \$34,435 during the years in which his gross income was \$520,000.

The accountant, Harry Alper of Beverly Hills, said Maheu had claimed more than 82 per cent of his gross income as business expenses.

Another witness, former Democratic National Chairman Lawrence F. O'Brien, could not substantiate Maheu's claim that former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey had thanked him (Maheu) for a \$50,000 cash contribution to his 1968 campaign. Maheu contended he had given the cash to Humphrey, on behalf of Hughes, but Summa contended that Maheu had stolen the cash himself.

In his closing argument, Maheu's attorney, Morton Galane, said one reason Maheu should get a high award from Summa was that O'Brien had once been granted a \$180,000 public relations contract from Hughes. Although O'Brien was good, Galane said, "he was no Robert Maheu."

Galane, who was not available for comment, is expected to receive from 25 per cent to 33 per cent of the final financial award.

The trial revealed a picture of seemingly unlimited cash flows from casino tellers' windows in Las Vegas to the coffers of politicians in Washington.

In addition to the Humphrey money, there was also testimony about a \$100,000 cash contribution by Hughes to former President Nixon's 1968 campaign. Additionally, Hughes personally made a \$25,000 contribution to the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy (D-N.Y.); \$50,000 in 1968 to Sen. Alan Bible (D-Neb.), and \$170,000 to Sen. Howard W. Cannon (D-Nev.), the court was told.

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Robert A. Maheu

Hughes' Tab For a Suit— 2.8M Buttons

Los Angeles, Dec. 4 (Special) 4
 Billionaire Howard Hughes was ordered today by a federal jury to pay more than \$2.8 million in damages to his former employe, Robert Maheu, for calling him "a no-good, dishonest son of a bitch."

The same jury decided last July 1 that Hughes' remarks were defamatory, and in this second phase of the trial had to decide the dollar-value of the damages.

Maheu, 57, a former FBI agent and onetime chief of Hughes' Nevada empire of hotels and casinos, originally asked for \$17.5 million, including \$11 million in punitive damages. —Theo Wilson

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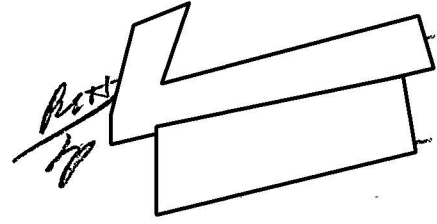
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LOS ANGELES (UPI) -- ROBERT MAHEU TESTIFIED FRIDAY THAT HOWARD HUGHES WANTED RICHARD NIXON ON DWIGHT EISENHOWER'S PRESIDENTIAL TICKET IN 1956 AND HIRED MAHEU TO SQUELCH AN ATTEMPT TO HURT NIXON'S CHANCES.

MAHEU TOOK THE WITNESS STAND IN THE 11TH WEEK OF HIS LIBEL SUIT TRIAL AGAINST THE BILLIONAIRE, WHO FIRED HIM BY PROXY IN 1970 AS HEAD OF HIS NEVADA GAMBLING EMPIRE.

MAHEU SAID HUGHES HIRED HIM IN 1956 TO OFFSET A CLAIM BY THEN MINNESOTA GOV. HAROLD STASSEN WHO RELEASED A POLL SHOWING THAT NIXON WOULD COST THE REPUBLICAN PARTY 8 PER CENT OF THE VOTE IF HE WERE GIVEN THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION.

STASSEN, WHO WAS RUNNING AGAINST NIXON FOR THE NO. 2 SPOT ON THE TICKET, HAD TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT HE HAD MADE A SECRET POLL SHOWING THAT NIXON WOULD LOSE VOTES, MAHEU SAID.

"WE PENETRATED STASSEN'S HEADQUARTERS WITH VOLUNTEERS AND FOUND OUT THERE WAS NO POLL, THOUGH ONE WAS BEING TAKEN," MAHEU TESTIFIED.

MAHEU, A FORMER FBI AGENT, SAID HE THEN ORGANIZED "A NON-SECRET POLL USING FORMER FBI AGENTS FROM ALL STATES," AND ARRANGED TO ANNOUNCE ITS (PRO-NIXON) FINDINGS AT THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION MOMENTS AFTER RELEASE OF STASSEN'S POLL.

MAHEU BEGAN WHAT WAS EXPECTED TO BE A LENGTHY STINT ON THE WITNESS STAND IN HIS ATTEMPT TO SHOW THE JURY THE BROAD RANGE OF DUTIES HE HAD PERFORMED FOR HUGHES.

DESCRIBING HIS EARLY BACKGROUND AS A COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AGENT DURING WORLD WAR II, MAHEU SAID HE SENT FALSE MESSAGES TO GERMANY PURPORTING TO PINPOINT SOUTHERN FRANCE, RATHER THAN NORMANDIE, AS THE LANDING PLACE FOR ALLIED INVASION FORCES.

HE SAID HE WENT INTO THE CONSULTING BUSINESS AFTER THE FAILURE OF A SHORT-LIVED CANNING ENTERPRISE WHICH HE UNDERTOOK AFTER HIS SEVEN YEARS AS AN FBI AGENT.

DURING HIS TESTIMONY, MAHEU TOLD OF TELEPHONE CALLS FROM HUGHES IN WHICH THE BILLIONAIRE "BEGGED ME" TO COME TO WORK FOR HIM FULL TIME.

U.S. COURT JUDGE HARRY PREGERSON CUT OFF HIS TESTIMONY AND ASKED, "WHAT UNIQUE QUALITIES DO YOU HAVE?"

"HE (HUGHES) FELT I COULD ALWAYS PICK UP A TELEPHONE AND ACCOMPLISH THINGS NO ONE ELSE COULD," MAHEU SAID. "HE SAID I WAS A BELIEVABLE ITEM AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT."

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 13, 1974

MR. ROBERT A. MAHEU

The following pertains to the former employment in the Federal Bureau of Investigation of captioned individual.

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| Date of entry on duty: | December 9, 1940 | |
| EOD title, grade, and salary: | Special Agent, Grade CAF 9, \$3200 per annum | |
| Date of separation: | July 24, 1947 | |
| Reason for leaving: | Voluntary resignation due to wife's illness | |
| Salary and grade at time of separation: | \$6623.40 per annum in Grade CAF 12 | |
| Specialized training: | New Agents Training | 12-9-40 to 1-28-41 |
| | Photographic Training | 4-8-41 |
| | Photographic Training | 7-16-41 |
| | Firearms Training | 2-23-46 to 3-7-46 |
| Assignments: | Phoenix | 1-28-41 to 5-18-41 |
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| Language ability: | Indicates he speaks and can translate French fluently on his application for employment | |

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Robert H. Maheu

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Maheu sets record straight on FBI career

By Ron Laytner

(Last in a Series)

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A younger man would think very carefully before tangling physically with Robert A. Maheu. The former FBI agent is 56, but he gives the impression of being an extremely dangerous man.

Maheu is one of the few FBI agents in the Bureau's history ever to have made a perfect score in shooting and he has won an FBI medal for achievement. He is known as a master of weapons.

On January 7 a mysterious voice, identified as belonging to Howard Hughes, spoke in a bizarre telephone press conference. The voice accused Maheu of stealing from Howard Hughes.

Over the years many executives have come and gone in the vast Hughes empire, but the former chief spokesman for Howard Hughes is clearly different than most. He has refused to take his dismissal lying down and has armed himself with a tough attorney, Morton Golane, who once badly trounced Maheu and the Hughes forces in court.

Maheu and Galane had been discussing the possibility of our conversation being monitored by listening devices secretly planted in Maheu's rented house.

"If anyone is listening," said Maheu, "I hope they understand it is a felony in this state. There are also federal regulations which preclude the use of bugging devices."

"We've nothing to hide," contributed Galane. "Everything we have done in this litigation has been above board and has happened in the courts using proper procedures."

Robert Maheu became nationally known one year ago when he was suddenly fired by one of Hughes who said they were acting

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Editor: Don Digilio

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on instructions from the wraith-like industrialist.

Accounts at that time and ever since have described Maheu as a "super spy", an FBI agent and counterspy. He was rumored to have been under contract to the Central Intelligence Agency to assassinate Cuba's Fidel Castro at one point and was known as a mystery figure in Washington.

Just who is Robert Maheu — what did he do for the FBI during the war and after? Why did Hughes choose him to eventually become his official spokesman and administrator of a \$300 million Nevada empire?

In this exclusive interview Maheu finally sets the record straight and describes his career in the FBI.

"During World War II, I worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation," Maheu began. "The early part of 1942 was a time when espionage had evolved to a point where there were many double and triple agents."

The Germans had decided to send an espionage team to the U.S. using a lead man who was to offer his services to the U.S. government, he continued. The Germans would then send a technician to set up a radio transmitter.

"As you know, one of the big problems in those days was the quick transmission of information. It did no good if Nazi intelligence got the information after the fact," Maheu explained.

The lead man they chose to send was a famous French aviator, Dieudonne Costes. He had been one of the great pilots of World War I. At the time of the German takeover in France he was a vice-president of the Hispano Suiza Company. Costes is the man who returned Lindbergh's flight in 1930.

The Germans felt he would be the ideal man to send since he would be the readily accepted as a friend. To get his co-operation they held one of his close relatives hostage.

After receiving special training in German espionage techniques Costes, operating under great personal pressure, followed his orders and "fled" France.

"He arrived in Spain," Maheu said, "and went straight to the American embassy. Our investigators there finally broke him down and he told them the story I am telling you now, — claiming it was always his intention to tell the same story after he arrived in the U.S."

At the time of his involvement in the case Maheu and his wife had a five-and-a-half month old son. Maheu had just opened a resident agency for the Bureau in Aberdeen, Wash.

There he received an order to report immediately to Washington, D.C. for a special assignment.

At the capitol, Maheu was briefed on the background of the case and given instructions on his cover story. Because of his fluency in French it had been decided that he would be the counter agent to work with the Nazi radio team.

He reported later in Miami, turning in his credentials, gun, badge, everything that was identifiable — even clothing that held laundry-marks.

Robert A. Maheu became Robert A. Marchand, a French-Canadian black-marketeer, and checked into a small hotel on Miami Beach where he waited for Costes to arrive.

Costes arrived in the U.S. by way of Buenos Aires, in June, 1943 and was told that Maheu was an FBI agent. "We took the calculated risk that he was a double agent and would not, in fact, become a triple agent."

For a long while the French aviator and Maheu worked on the method of secret writing that Costes had been taught to use by the Nazi intelligence. This was the code which would be used to send messages back to Germany and Maheu had to be completely familiar with it.

The French war hero and presumed German spy gave Maheu exact details of his training at a German espionage school in Hamburg and advance information on the top Nazi spy who was to join him.

In charge of this whole project at the time, said Maheu, was FBI Assistant Director E. J. Connelley who has since died.

Mr. Connelley had the authority to go into any FBI office and pre-empt any case. He was in charge of this particular operation.

"Our whole purpose in working with the Nazis was to provide them with false information about the invasion of Europe."

Maheu said that after a time he and Costes started sending messages to mail drops in Spain and Portugal. This was supposed to be a temporary method of communication until the Nazi radio operator came over to set up his facility.

Costes and he sent out many messages, but the ones they sent out were not the ones the Germans received. The FBI agent was still not sure at this time if Costes was a triple agent.

"We would work together on a message," said Maheu, "and then I would get it to a mail drop. Unknown to Costes, however, the messages were flown to Washington and another message was prepared in the same code."

The man the Germans eventually sent as the radio operator was Jean Paul Marie Cavaille.

Cavaille was an electrical engineer. He had helped establish and operate a secret radio in the German espionage headquarters in the Hotel Luticia in Paris before France fell to the Nazis.

According to the FBI he had built three powerful transmitters for use in Berlin. He was one of Germany's top secret agents.

The spy arrived in New Orleans on the steamship Magellanes from Vigo, Spain on Oct. 12, 1943 and went into action.

On Nov. 30 he managed to get the French authorities in Washington to reinstate him as a lieutenant in the French Air Force so that he could wear the French uniform while operating as a German spy in the U.S.

According to E. J. Connelley in a report of the time, the French-uniformed Nazi spy did considerable research work in the Library of Congress in Washington and in the New York Public Library, obtaining material from the restricted shelves on the strength of his French uniform and credentials. But he sensed something was wrong with his contact, Costes, and kept away, much to Maheu's dismay.

"Our surveillances disclosed that Cavaille would attend a certain mass at St. Patrick's every Sunday at a given time. And so we arranged in New York City one Sunday for Costes and he to bump into each other without their realizing they'd been maneuvered."

Contact was now finally established and eventually I was introduced to Cavaille," said Maheu. "After a while he and I became good friends."

Maheu said the Nazi spy began buying parts so that he could build a radio transmitter to open contact with Germany but the FBI placed a number of roadblocks in his way.

"Our laboratory in Washington D.C. knew, of course, what was going on and they knew what it took to make the component. They would always hold off a little part of the equipment. We didn't want anything sent until the invasion plans were finalized."

Finally, Cavaille had the set working and the FBI let him transmit a few messages, always with Maheu at his side in case he tried to tip off the Nazis that it was an FBI trap.

After the Germans had been convinced that Costes had access to solid information the espionage team started sending messages that the invasion of Europe was going to be staged in southern France.

At first it was reported to German intelligence that Costes had been called to the Pentagon to answer some questions about southern France.

And then the messages became increasingly forceful so that the last ones were absolutely certain — there was no doubt — the invasion would take place in southern France.

"After the war," said Maheu, "I was told that when the espionage papers of the Germans were seized it was determined that — God knows there were enough troops in Normandy — but it was learned that some of the German troops which were destined for Normandy were either relocated or left in southern France."

When the war ended Costes went back to France where he was first tried as a spy then exonerated with the help of the FBI and recognized as a hero. Cavaille was first sentenced to five years in a U.S. Federal court then sent back to France a prisoner.

After the war Maheu became assistant to Assistant FBI Director E. J. Connelley and worked on many of America's major cases with the bureau's top trouble-shooter. When Connelley's special squad was broken up Maheu became supervisor of the administration division.

While he was in that position his wife became very ill and New York medical specialists told him it would be necessary for her to stay in bed for a minimum of a year.

"The Director, Mr. Hoover, realizing she was really very ill, suggested it would be better if we moved back to our hometown in Maine and live there with my parents."

"Then Mr. Hoover affected my transfer to my home town and he's got as much to do with saving my wife's life as did the doctors — without his help it could not have been accomplished. Since that time we have had three more children and my wife is now very healthy."

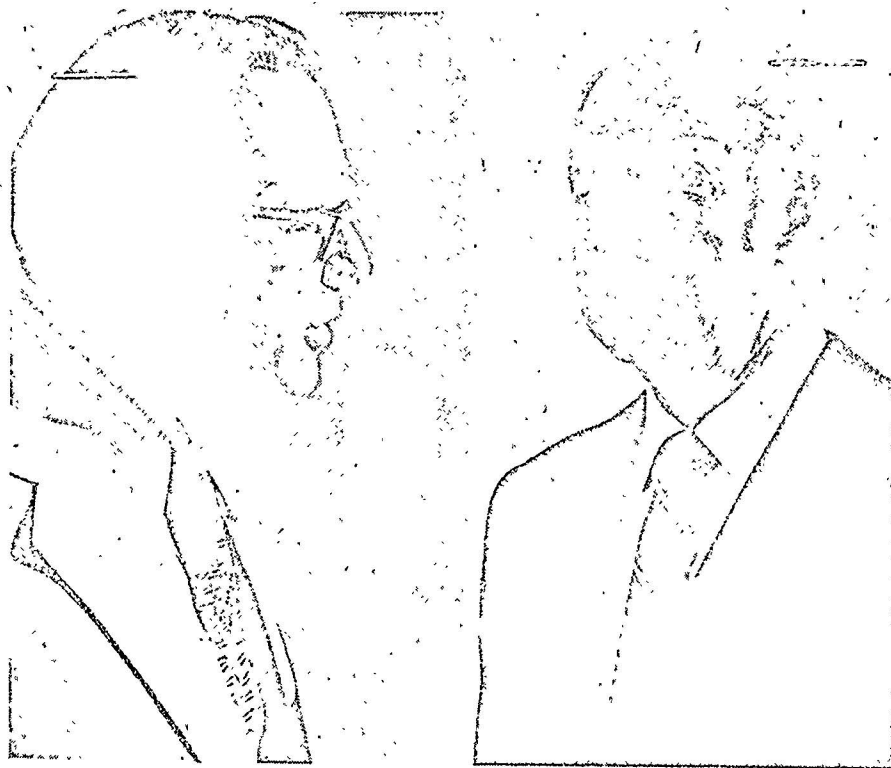
Maheu said he never would have left the FBI in 1947 if he hadn't thought he'd have to spend the rest of his life in Maine.

"I'd had what I like to consider a very active and interesting career in the bureau. I had been where the action is, so to speak," he said. But that one year in Maine was very depressing because, "I had nothing to do except chase draft dodgers and make out investigation reports.

"Most of my work in the FBI had been in the field of espionage and counter-espionage activities," said Robert Maheu. "This new life was very boring.

"After a while I resigned. And after a short period of being in business I formed my own company. It was a combination of international investigative work, public relations and management consulting.

"Then one day in 1955 — without knowing it — I went to work on a secret assignment for Howard Hughes. My life has never been the same since."



GETTING ADVICE — Robert Maheu, right, ousted chief of Howard Hughes' Nevada empire, pauses to listen to his attorney, Morton Galane.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/23/72

FROM : SAC, LAS VEGAS [redacted]

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SUBJECT:

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Robert Mahan

Re Las Vegas letter, 11/19/71.

Informant was contacted on [redacted] at which time he stated that [redacted]

[redacted] were negotiating to purchase [redacted] informant stated that if [redacted] was purchased that [redacted] would definitely not be involved and that [redacted] had strongly advised [redacted] against the proposed purchase since he did not consider it was an advantageous business venture from a financial viewpoint.

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On [redacted] informant advised that [redacted] is negotiating with [redacted] to purchase same. Informant stated that insofar as he could determine, all of [redacted] is extremely anxious to sell and [redacted] is lukewarm to the idea. The negotiations at the present time is for [redacted]

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Informant stated that ROBERT MAHEU in his suit against HOWARD HUGHES and the Hughes Tool Company has recently received an offer of \$4,000,000 to settle the suit he currently has pending but that MAHEU rejected the offer.

Due to the limited number of contacts, he has not been contacted by the alternate agent during this period. Information furnished by informant has not been corroborated at this point but every effort will be made to do so as soon as possible.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bates *CWB*
CTG

DATE: January 12, 1972

FROM : C. Bolz *CTG*

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The Federal Grand Jury at Miami, which began hearing evidence on

(Maheu is a former Special Agent and manager of Hughes' investments; and in December, 1970, was engaged in a court fight to retain his position in the Hughes organization.)

This is the case in which
 employed by Robert A. Maheu;
 from Miami, Florida; and six employees of were caught by Nassau authorities with eavesdropping equipment and cameras in the rooms below Howard Hughes' suite at the Britannia Beach Hotel, Nassau, in December, 1970.

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 Our investigation disclosed that were in Nassau, on instructions of to locate Howard Hughes. Some of the equipment in their possession was manufactured by a Miami firm, Silmar Electronics, Inc., and is the type prohibited under the Interception of Communications Statutes. None of this group would admit to us to the transportation of this equipment in foreign commerce, but and one employee, did acknowledge to Nassau authorities that they were responsible for bringing equipment to Nassau.

the Criminal Division continues to believe are culpable under Title 18, U. S. Code, Sections 2 (Aiding and Abetting) and 2512 (Transporting a device designed for surreptitious eavesdropping in foreign commerce), and indictments will be sought at a later date. REC-91

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For information. Miami is following the grand jury action closely and you will be advised of pertinent developments.

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The curious Washington days of deposed Vegas Prince Bob Maheu

By Shelby Coffey III

His name still leaves some of the mighty in Washington—White House aide Bob Finch, presidential hopeful Ed Muskie, lawyer Tommy “The Cork” Corcoran, among others—a touch cautious or forgetful when strangers call to ask questions about their connections with Robert Aime Maheu.

To most of the rest of the public, Maheu was a nonentity until stories about Howard Hughes’ “disappearance” began to hit the press last December. Maheu had been his top hired hand, the man who operated the vast (estimated \$300 million) Hughes Nevada Operations, among other tasks. Quite suddenly that December Maheu was the man Hughes had fired, the man who was hinting at, not Hughes, but sinister forces within the Hughes organization had fired him. As far as the past went most of the stories listed Maheu simply as an “ex-FBI agent.”

But Bob Maheu has long been considerably more than that. In the not-so-recent past, he was one of the fastest movers ever to sprint through Washington.

Maheu set up a private investigative firm that for years stalked Washington unchallenged, aiding

great corporations and irate alimony-payers. He mixed with senators and well-placed security men around the Federal sector, as well as with Greek shipping giant Stavros Niarchos and Savile Row-tailored lawyers who garner \$100 for nodding wisely exactly twice during an hour.

He aided Nixon forces during the “dump Nixon” drive in 1956.

When certain elements in the CIA decided to assassinate Fidel Castro, it was reportedly Bob Maheu they turned to for help in arranging for Mafia chieftains to find the would-be killer. (And Johnny Roselli, the West Coast mobster mentioned as the man who helped make arrangements during the assassination tries, later was reported to have retained an interest in a lucrative concession of one of the Hughes hotels during Maheu’s stewardship.)

Bob Maheu was one of that curious sort who wander on the fringe of notoriety in Washington, known in special circles as a man who can sit with Presidents and millionaires, with *don Capos* and clandestine agents, with the minister’s wife, the astronaut, the police lieutenant—with almost anybody and not be an embarrass-

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ment. That and the ex-FBI agent's shrewdness took him far but never totally away from this power center.

A grocer's son, Bob Maheu grew up in Waterville, Maine, wanting to be a lawyer. He graduated from Holy Cross College, but his Georgetown law school days were cut short. Maheu entered FBI agent classes just before World War II erupted.

After conducting some counter-spy operations that were not as grim as he makes them sound, he quit in 1947 to get rich in the booming postwar economy. But his subsequent attempt to corner the canned cream market squirted him into disaster. On the verge of bankruptcy, he went into government security work, winding up as assistant to the director of the Small Business Administration here.

In 1954, caught on the wrong side of a bureaucratic power struggle, Bob Maheu set up in business for himself.

He wangled some office space at 917 15th Street N W from Carmine Bellino, a friend of the Kennedy family, and opened Robert A. Maheu & Associates. Maheu now tends to refer to it as a management consultant firm. In fact, it was a private investigative firm and most of the Associates were, like the boss, former FBI agents. As it grew the firm became something of a halfway house for FBI agents leaving the Bureau. Though they muffed a few cases, Robert A. Maheu & Associates was the best such firm this city has seen in the past 30 years. During a recent conversation in Las Vegas, Maheu recalled that he "didn't get rich overnight, but I did very well overnight."

One of the first ways he "did very well" was handling a case for Stavros Niarchos, who wanted Bob Maheu to help undo a contract his sometime brother-in-law and jealous rival, Aristotle Onassis, had signed with Saudi Arabia. After months of tense international maneuvering, Bob Maheu did just that.

Niarchos was so impressed with Maheu's work on the matter (and amused by the low fee Maheu sought) that he put Maheu & Associates on a retainer of \$25,000 a year for five years, as a bonus.

With that, the ascent began for Maheu. Often referred to as "charming" because of his interest in others, he made many friends in Washington, the kind of friends who can help with a favor later.

One former Maheu Associate recalls another early mission was tied to Howard Hughes. The associate says that the job involved surveillance of Stuart Cramer III, who at the time had recently married actress Jean Peters. The couple was living in Washington. She soon divorced Cramer and married Hughes. If one asks Maheu today if that was his first case for Hughes, Maheu replies: "You did say the first? To that, the answer is no."

In other "missions"—

- Maheu and Associates lined up stockholders in a bitter New York Central proxy fight.
- They aided the Senate Banking and Currency Committee when the senators dashed after the publicity in some housing scandals. (The senatorial association was flaunted.)
- An Associate rigged up a chair with an electronic eavesdropping device, then left it in the apartment of a Maheu client's ex-wife. With the information gathered by

a listening device in an apartment down the hall, according to the client, they were able to reduce the alimony he paid.

- In the mid '50s Maheu also helped lawyer Edward Bennett Williams in the defense of Aldo Icardi, accused in a bizarre World War II murder.

- Maheu and several Associates sold approximately \$60,000 worth of electronic equipment to the Dominican Republic regime of General Rafael Trujillo. "I thought it was all a sophisticated type of thing that would detect firearms brought in at the airport," says Maheu today. He is careful to add that since he was often out of town on assignments he didn't always know what his pack of ex-G-men might have been up or down to.

- In 1956 Harold Stassen was pumping to "Dump Nixon." Maheu & Associates oversaw a poll that countered a poll by Stassen that showed Richard Nixon to be a drag on the Republican ticket. Maheu's counterpoll, of course, showed Nixon to be a plus. It was mainly backed (though Maheu neglects to mention it) by William Loeb, the controversial New Hampshire publisher.

"I took on missions that most

people would call impossible," says Maheu in his slow emphatic voice, hopeful, one suspects, that the phrase will catch.

- Once, during those balmy Associate days, he sent some of his men over to do a bugging test for Tommy (the Cork) Corcoran, the New Deal brain truster lawyer. The results were negative.

- Maheu entertained lavishly and well in a large home out in Sleepy Hollow in the Virginia suburbs. A gourmet who loves to cook, Maheu often had lobsters flown in fresh from Maine for dinner parties.

One party-goer recalls meeting Robert Finch at a Maheu party, though Finch now recalls meeting Maheu only at a couple of lunches after he had become then-Vice President Nixon's A.A. At the time Maheu had just gone partners with Robert King, Nixon's previous A.A., an ex-FBI man.

- Maheu served as a consultant to David McDonald when he was head of the United Steelworkers Union. "Bob is a goddamn great, fine and decent man," says McDonald today. Maheu helped during a strike and an election.

- Maheu and Associates also used their FBI-honed skills, according to several sources, for corporations such as Westinghouse, Panhandle Eastern gas pipeline, Continental Airlines, and Schenley's Corporation, whose owner contributed over \$1 million to the J. Edgar Hoover Foundation.

By the early '60s Maheu was doing more work for Hughes, often flying from Washington to the West Coast, where he still represented Hughes' interests in many halls of power. Around 1962 he moved to a suburb of Los Angeles and operated on the second level of the Hughes empire.

"He isolated nerve centers and went after them," recalls friend Hal Marlowe, the (ex-FBI) former under-sheriff of Los Angeles County.

As might be expected, some enemies were also left behind. Lou Russell, an ex-Associate, remembers telling him, "You son of a bitch, you trade on friendship." Others remember Maheu as something of a blowhard who hinted at big connections that were often tenuous at best.

As for the surprisingly common talk that his Washington firm was at one time funded by the

CIA, Maheu says, "Not to my knowledge." Could it have been done without his direct knowledge? Cautiously, "I have no comment."

In 1966, in a stunning set of financial maneuvers, Howard Hughes began to buy into Las Vegas. Over all of the \$300 million operation scowled the keen dark eye of Robert Aime Maheu, suddenly and enigmatically elevated to the caste of confidante, alter ego.

They made an odd pair, set in the neon bowl of Nevada desert. On the one (and upper) hand, the soprano-voiced Texan, born to wealth, bold aviator turned gaunt recluse, business genius, the sort of man who boasted of deflowering scores of virgins but sired no known heirs.

On the other hand, the bass-voiced French-Canadian worker's son, growing up hungry in his own way, a gregarious man with the build of a tough middleweight and the elaborately courteous manners of the upwardly striving, at one time a near-bankrupt, a professedly devout Catholic, watchful father of four. In his later years Hughes shunned the sort of people Maheu had striven so hard to rub tailored elbows with.

For four years, the arrangement worked exquisitely. Maheu made a half-million dollars a year, lived in a mansion worth the same amount. (The mansion stirred much envy among other Hughes executives, claims Maheu. "They called it Little Caesar's Palace. At the time I thought it was very droll.") He was flown in Hughes' jets, chauffeured in Hughes' coupes, slumbered in Hughes' suites. When they were in Las Vegas, senators like Ed Muskie would drop in to say hello to the man who spoke for the billionaire. Whispers followed his

entrance into plush restaurants when he returned to Washington for presidential inaugurations and other corporate games along the Potomac. For all this, he was on call 24 hours a day. Sometimes he had to leave guests like Joe DiMaggio (now a PR man for the Hughes Sports Network—that's where he went) to answer phone calls from his insomniac master, known in Las Vegas as "The Man."

In the autumn of 1970, The Man quit calling. In a wildly confused aftermath, Hughes seemed to have disappeared; Maheu made off with a truckload of corporate files ("To protect them"); rival Hughes Tool Co. chieftains Chester Davis and Bill Gay

when court approval of Maheu's ouster. Maheu lashed back with a countersuit for \$50 million in damages and settled down to the harsh legal chess game in a rented house. He didn't own a car to drive away from Little Caesar's Palace; these days he rents a white Lincoln Continental.

And when he executes a Classic One-Two Washington NAME Drop—such as: "How is Mayor Washington doing? I met him at the President's Prayer Breakfast"—you know that he says it without much hope of ever representing Howard Hughes in Richard Nixon's White House again.

At times, though, in the quiet of his new rented home, Robert Maheu seems a happy man. Standing behind the bar in his crimson-walled "miniature Silver Slipper" saloon, his gold-and-diamond "RM" cufflinks flashing spectacularly, he lets flow his attentive chitchat. Do you drink? How is your child? Your work? Time passes nicely with this man. No wonder that so many friends are so intensely loyal to him and his concern for their comparatively dull lives.

Only later, when wife Yve, curly and chic in a snakeskin dress, has come into the barroom does the mood curiously splinter. "I never thought I'd see the day when I'd taste bitterness," says Bob Maheu. "But I have."

"Yes," says his wife setting her drink down on the pink napkins with Bob and Yve written in gold across the bottom, "Yes."

They begin slowly to ping-pong their outrage "bitter . . . hurt . . . innocent." The pace quickens; their anger fills the scarlet room. In the distance a watchdog howls in a yard of the wealthy neighborhood.

"You know what I can't understand," says Yve, "is that men who used to come up to me and kiss me on the cheek at parties, have turned against us. Now I want to say there, *there's the other cheek*. Hit it. . ."

"I am," says her husband, round face and bald head fully flushed, "Very BitTAH. . ." And the granite of working class Maine hardens his deep, hypnotic voice.

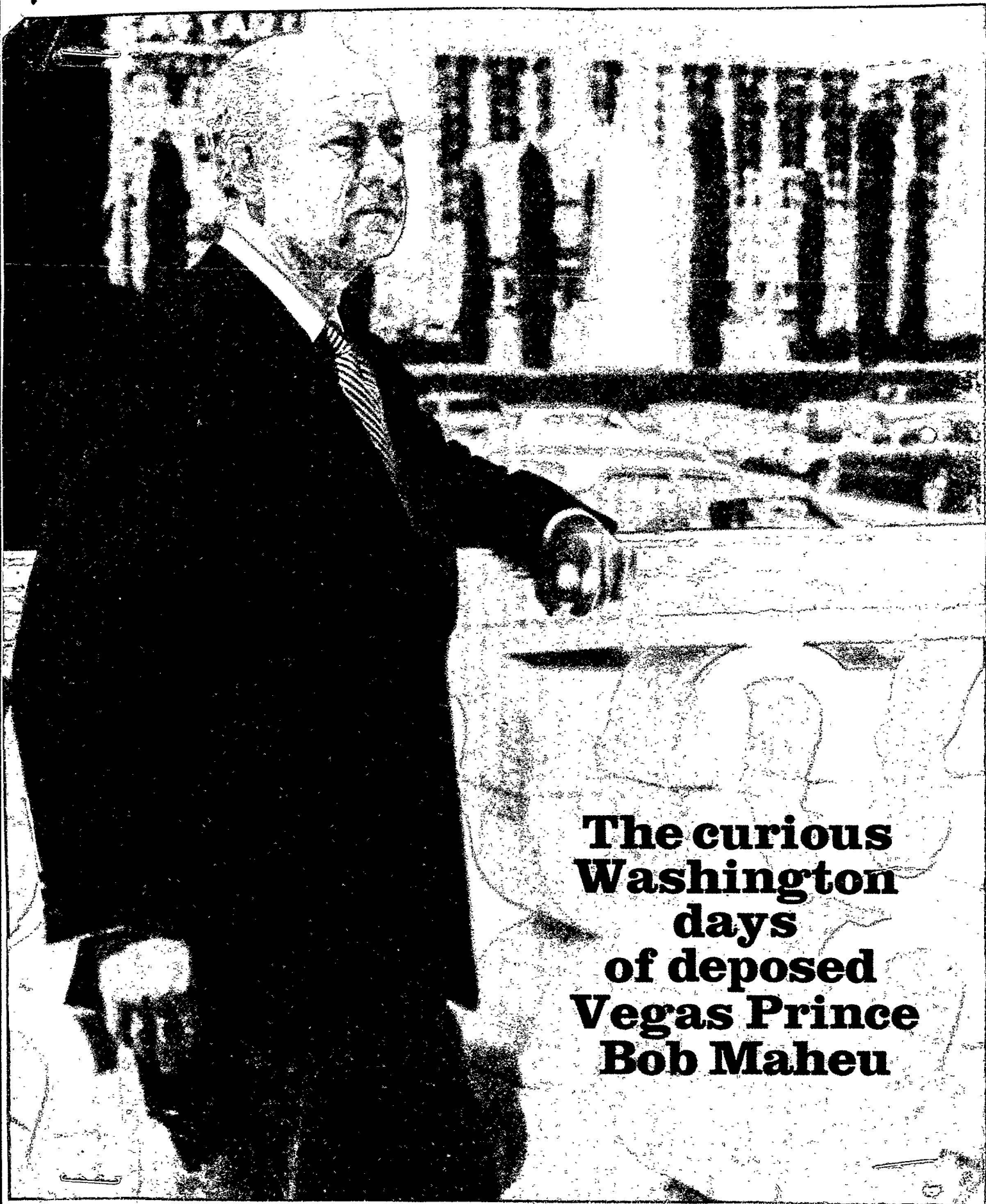
As abruptly as it began, the anger ends and they are once again an elegant, perfumed couple seated in their generation's, their class' idea of hermitage—a pretty barroom in a handsome house in a good neighborhood.

A few minutes later, driving to a small party across town they pass the mansion that Hughes built for them. Beneath the desert moon—an amber half-penny over the bleak hills—"Little Caesar's Palace" stands like a tragic house in the last of Fitzgerald's *Gatsby*—brooding, in padlocked splendor, the vast windows, black; the porch, vacant and moon-silvered.

"We never look back, we never look back," says the Mover. And already the Continental, sleek in its quiet power, has left the mansion and its gleaming alabaster porchlights behind.



Robert Maheu's sometimes turbulent life in Las Vegas amid big cars, big houses and big names is a long way from the quiet lawyer's lifestyle he dreamed of as the son of a Maine grocer.



**The curious
Washington
days
of deposed
Vegas Prince
Bob Maheu**

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Sullivan *JS*

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: HOWARD HUGHES
INFORMATION CONCERNING -
MISSING PERSON

DATE: December 18, 1970

1 - Mr. Sullivan
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As a result of information developed by Miami through its inquiry in the Bahamas, investigation has been conducted to locate and interview at their residences in Salt Lake City, Utah, and Las Vegas, Nevada.

Prior to receipt of instructions to interview in Salt Lake City, telephonically contacted SA Salt Lake City Office, on December 17, 1970. was referred to SA by a mutual acquaintance.

volunteered that Robert Maheu had claimed he was being groomed for "the number two spot in the Bureau prior to his resignation," and inquired whether there was any substance to Maheu's claim. SA informed that information concerning former employees could be secured only at Bureau Headquarters. It is noted that at the time Maheu resigned in 1947 he was Resident Agent at Bangor, Maine.

also volunteered information that Maheu is a liar and a very lavish spender, having built a residence in Las Vegas for himself which cost approximately \$800,000. indicated Hughes has been disenchanted for several years and finally decided to fire Maheu after Maheu purchased an airplane without consulting Hughes, even though he knew Hughes wanted to select the plane himself. accused Maheu of currently employing gangster tactics and hiring private detectives who were discovered in a hotel room below Hughes' suite in a Nassau hotel. indicated he personally aided Hughes in leaving Las Vegas at Hughes' request. Efforts to locate and interview him concerning specific details involving Hughes' departure from Las Vegas are continuing. Information has been received that may have returned to the Bahamas.

Investigation in Las Vegas to locate indicates the possibility he may be in hiding and, in all probability, he will be returning to the Bahamas in the near future. Information developed through immigration cards at

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Bureau files have been reviewed concerning the names obtained by Bahamian authorities from the group which was deported after being caught with surveillance equipment in the hotel where Hughes is supposed to be staying. Based on descriptive data available, the only individuals identifiable in Bureau files are [redacted] who is [redacted]

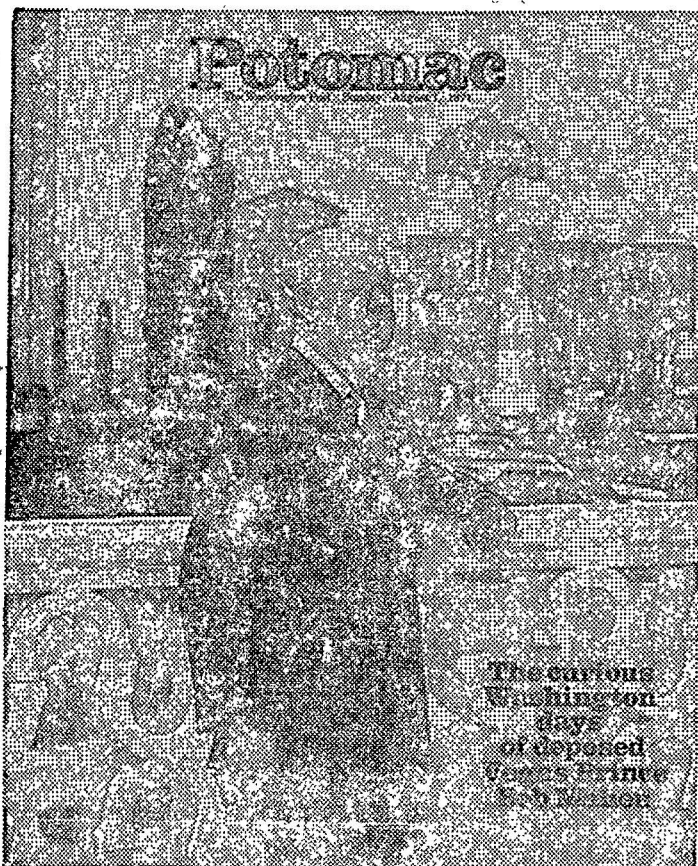
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Meet the Ex-F.B.I. Man Who Spoke for Howard Hughes

This week Potomac tells what it's like to be Robert Maheu . . . the man who was closest to Howard Hughes and his vast business empire. Maheu began his swift climb here in Washington . . . and his name still leaves some of "the mighty" cautious and forgetful when asked about him.

Robert A. Maheu
Read "The Curious Washington Days
of Deposed Vegas Prince Bob Maheu"
by Shelby Coffey III



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ROBERT MAHEU DECLARES:**Only Hughes Can
Fire Me!****By BILL GANG**
SUN Staff Writer

Robert A. Maheu, waging a verbal battle with Hughes Tool Company officials for control of the industrialist's \$300 million Nevada kingdom, admitted yesterday he would be "ruined" if the court rules against him.

Maheu added, however, he would immediately step down should the billionaire personally fire him.

"I have sought either telephonic or written communication from Hughes to me," the 54-year-old Maheu said, noting he has not been able to contact the man he claims is still his boss.

"It is a relationship which can only be terminated by Mr. Hughes, if in fact it can be terminated," Maheu said. "The relationship between Mr. Hughes and myself has been one of increasing intensity during the past eight years," Maheu added. "Naturally Mr. Hughes and I have had some serious disagreements but he and I made a pact to be together the rest of our lives."

Maheu said he hasn't yet had time to comprehend the full impact his being fired — if the action by the Hughes Tool directors is upheld — would have.

"No amount of money could compensate," he said. "I would be thoroughly ruined and deprived of an opportunity

to make a decent living the rest of my life."

Hughes Tool Company executives admitted yesterday Maheu was once given authority by Hughes to control the Nevada empire but that authority no longer exists.

Chester Davis, general counsel for the tool company, argued "the issue is not whether Maheu was previously given the vast power but whether he has the authority now, in light of the recent events."

In an apparent attempt to prevent Maheu testifying in the eight-day hearing, Davis said "I see no purpose in his testifying unless it is to get more headlines."

Dist. Judge Howard Babcock, however, ruled Maheu has the right to testify in an attempt to prove he does have the authority now to run the empire.

Maheu cast serious doubt yesterday on the billionaire's purported desire to fire him and suggested it is the Hughes Tool Company officials Hughes is disenchanted with.

Although prevented by law from repeating any orders given him by Hughes, Maheu hinted the industrialist told him they would be together the rest of their lives.

Maheu said Davis and he agreed prior to the March, 1969 hearings in Wash-

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ington, D.C. on the Air West acquisition that Maheu ~~had~~ broad authority in the Hughes empire."

"The scope of my authority," Maheu added, "was designated specifically by Hughes and recognized by Davis and the Hughes Tool directors."

He said even the U.S. government recognized his authority.

"Clearly it was understood by all that I was Hughes' spokesman and I was recognized in that position by Hughes and the tool company officials and therefore Hughes didn't have to appear before the Civil Aeronautics Board personally," Maheu said.

Maheu stated when the controversial Trans-World Airlines court trial began to go badly for Hughes several years ago under Hughes Tool Company command, Hughes asked for help from Maheu.

"When the special master appointed by the court recommended a \$137.6 million judgment against Hughes, he became slightly aggravated," stated the Hughes Nevada chieftian for the past four years.

"Hughes telephoned me and requested I take full charge of the TWA litigation naming the attorneys and any other changes I desired," he continued.

Maheu also pointed out Hughes "gave me sole authority whether to exercise the option of a tender offer of \$154 million of American Broadcasting Company stock."

In earlier testimony, LeVane Forsythe, who claims he was a guard while a man presumed to be Hughes was "removed" from the Desert Inn Hotel, said he was never given a lie detector test concerning his testimony but said he offered to take one when interviewed by the FBI and Clark County sheriff's deputies.

Under cross examination by Davis, Forsythe repeated his earlier testimony of the mysterious events early Thanksgiving morning.

He said after the man presumed to be Hughes was placed in one of five cars, he was ordered to get in another one.

Forsythe, a Torrance, Calif., contractor, said they drove to a road off the south end of the Strip where he and the other "escorts" were told to return to the Desert Inn.

Although he says there were four persons in his car, he only had a terse conversation with one.

Forsythe said he commented to the driver of the vehicle, "I wonder where they (the man abducted and those with him) are going."

He quoted the driver as saying, "You don't follow instructions, too good, do you?"

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 11/4/69

FROM : T. E. Bishop

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

AMERICAN CENTER FOR EDUCATION
HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

After unsuccessfully trying, on several occasions, to get an appointment to see the Director on 11/3/69, the above-captioned individual came into Bishop's Office late on 11/3/69, and spoke with Bishop. He stated that the American Center for Education was established in Hollywood in 1968 as a nonprofit organization. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and its purpose is to, according to [REDACTED] foster "responsible conservatism" and to combat such organizations as the Institute of Democratic Studies at Santa Barbara, California, which is sponsored by the Ford Foundation and the Fund for the Republic. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] recently contacted Bob Maheu, a former FBI Agent who is very closely associated with Howard Hughes, the billionaire. [REDACTED] was seeking to secure a sizeable donation from Hughes for the American Center for Education. According to [REDACTED] he was informed by Maheu that Mr. Hughes would consider making such a donation if John Edgar Hoover would "vouch for and recommend the American Center for Education." [REDACTED] stated that his purpose in attempting to see the Director, and in speaking with Bishop, is to see if the Director would furnish a letter of recommendation for the Center to Howard Hughes.

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Our files reflect that we have had cordial correspondence with [REDACTED] for a number of years, particularly thanking him for columns favorable to the Bureau [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Our files also reflect that in January, 1969, [REDACTED] made efforts for him and [REDACTED] to meet with Mr. Hoover in the latter's office; the purpose of the desired appointment was apparently to secure the Director's support for their Center. They were advised that the Director was unable to see them and no meeting was held. At that time our files reflected that [REDACTED] had been critical of the FBI in the past for not properly fighting communist infiltration. [REDACTED] are extremely right-wing conservatives.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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was advised of Mr. Hoover's strict policy of not endorsing or giving letters of endorsement for any organization, and the wisdom of this policy on the part of the Director was clearly pointed out to . He acknowledged that this policy was good and stated that he felt sure that this would be the policy of the Director. He advised that he was disappointed in the decision because it had been hoped that the Center would have gotten a considerable sum of money from Howard Hughes if the Director had endorsed it.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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To: SACs, Los Angeles (166-1048)
Las Vegas (166-868) (Enc. 2)
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From: Director, FBI

JOHN ROSELLI, aka
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ITAR - GAMBLING; ETC.

For the information of the Las Vegas and Jackson Offices, the Los Angeles Office has conducted extensive investigation into the activities of John Roselli, La Cosa Nostra hoodlum, and West coast representative of the Chicago La Cosa Nostra "family."

Los Angeles investigation uncovered extensive cheating at gin rummy games played at the exclusive Friars Club, Beverly Hills, California. Cheating was accomplished by means of peepholes and electronic signalling devices and victimized wealthy businessmen and show people of considerable sums of money.

After a trial lasting six months, John Roselli; Maurice H. Friedmann, former Las Vegas hotel and casino operator and close associate of Roselli; Benjamin Teitlebaum, California fixer and close associate of Roselli; Emanuel Richard Jacobs, operator of illegal card games for New York La Cosa Nostra interests; and T. W. Richardson, casino operator at Las Vegas, Nevada, were convicted on 12/2/68.

On 1/21/69, in response to a defense motion, the U.S. District Judge granted a directed verdict of acquittal with respect to T. W. Richardson, holding that Government's proof of Richardson's part in this conspiracy did not involve him in such activities within the period of the statute of limitations.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: 3-2-60

FROM : C. R. Davidson

SUBJECT: ROBERT A. MAHEU
 Former Special Agent
 (Resignation effective 7-24-47, due to ill health of
 his wife)

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PERMANENT BRIEF

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| Entered on Duty | 12-9-40 |
| Reported to Field | 1-28-41 |
| Resigned | 7-24-47 |
| Last Grade and Salary | CAF-12, \$6623.40 |
| Last Salary Change | 6-15-47 (Uniform Promotion) |
| Age | 42 |
| Place of Birth | Waterville, Maine |
| Marital Status | Married (4 Children as of 7-59) |
| Education | Bachelor of Science Degree |
| Language Ability | French (Excellent) |
| Office of Preference as of 11-46 | Boston |
| Last Performance Rating | EXCELLENT (7-24-47) |
| Firearms Ability | Qualified Expert |
| Outstanding Endorsers | None |
| Relatives in the Bureau | None |
| Offices of Assignment: | |
| 1-28-41 | assigned Phoenix |
| 5-18-41 | transferred Seattle |
| 9-13-41 | Resident Agent Aberdeen, Washington |
| 5-13-43 | transferred New York |
| 11-29-45 | transferred Boston |
| 11-30-45 | Resident Agent Bangor, Maine |
| | headquarters also Waterville, Maine |
| 7-24-47 | resigned |

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At the conclusion of his training period, Mr. Nathan said he handled himself well, knew his material but seemed to be grasping it rather slowly, he made a favorable impression, had a definitely good personality and should be at least average and maybe more.

RECORD IN GRADE CAF 9, \$3200: On 1-28-41 he was assigned to the Phoenix Field Division. By letter dated 2-12-41 he was censured for the loss and subsequent finding of his Government Tax identification card. On 3-13-41 SAC Abbaticchio said his appearance and personality was good, appeared somewhat more mature than his years, he was characterized by more than the usual intelligence, imagination and enthusiasm, seemed to have the knack of getting along with people, his paper work had been average for a new agent, he showed promise of developing into a good agent and his firearms had been average.

On 5-14-41 SAC Duffey said his work had been entirely satisfactory considering his experience, he handled a greater volume of work than the average new man, his rough draft reports were submitted in good form and required less supervision than the average new agent, he was qualified in the use of firearms, had a satisfactory knowledge of the technical equipment and his progress was considered as better than average. On 5-18-41 he was transferred to the Seattle Field Division.

On 7-5-41 SAC Cornelius said he presented a good appearance, made a good impression on his contacts, had a friendly likeable personality, worked hard, conducted thorough investigations, had utilized initiative and judgment in the handling of his work, his dictation was good, he organized his work well, seemed to have enthusiasm in the handling of it and it was believed he was developing properly and his knowledge of his duties as an agent was about average. On 8-1-41 he was reallocated to Grade CAF 10, \$3500 per annum.

RECORD IN GRADE CAF 10, \$3500: On 9-13-41 he was designated Resident Agent at Aberdeen, Washington. On 10-7-41 SAC Cornelius said he was extremely conscientious, worked hard, conducted thorough investigations, had used proper judgment, his reports needed a little more than average supervision because of his inexperience, although they were improving, he gave the impression as being very sincere and anxious to make good, would be suitable for dangerous assignments, was a good dictator and his knowledge of his duties as an agent was about average.

This Agent was arrested on 10-3-41 by an officer of the Washington State Highway Patrol and was charged with reckless driving. SAC Cornelius said it did not appear that he was at fault and it was not believed that any action should be taken by the Bureau with reference to this matter at this time. It was also stated that he was very honest, sincere and conscientious and had reported the matter promptly upon his arrival at the office. In connection with this the Director said "Ask no favors of the Washington State Highway Patrol but tell Seattle not to forget it", and Seattle was so advised on 10-10-41. On 11-8-41 SAC Fletcher advised that the personnel of the Washington State Highway Patrol generally were highly cooperative and interested in working with the Bureau and suggested that the Seattle Office be permitted to endeavor to secure the full cooperation of that particular agency, disregarding the recent incident involving this Agent. The Director made the following notation, "I fear Fletcher is being 'sucked' in. Certainly the arrest of our agent was unwarranted and I want great caution exercised in dealing with the W. S. H. P. Actions will speak louder than words!"

On 7-13-42 SAC Fletcher rated him VERY GOOD and said he was very interested in his work, had a pleasing personality, was held in high regard by the police officers in his territory, he had noticeably improved the organization of his work which had resulted in increased volume, he was sincere, dependable, conscientious, was a good dictator, his reports could be expected to contain but a minimum of error, he was decidedly above the general average in firearms ability, was available for assignments of dangerous nature and he was constantly improving.

On 8-16-42 he was reallocated to Grade CAF 11, \$3800.

RECORD IN GRADE CAF 11, \$3800: On his 1942 Annual Efficiency Rating, SAC Fletcher rated him GOOD and said he was highly regarded by police officers in his territory, had learned organization of his work, his volume increased, he had gained confidence in making some types of contact which heretofore he was inclined to avoid, used imagination in the development of his assignments, was regarded capable of handling the work which normally came to his attention, indicated a definite interest in improving his work at all times, he was a good dictator, his reports were regarded as satisfactory and normally did not require any correction, the United States Attorney's office had expressed their pleasure with the work performed by this agent, he was available for dangerous assignments and he was rated GOOD with a definite inclination to always better himself.

At the conclusion of his In-Service Training in October, 1942, Mr. R. P. Kramer said he made a good appearance, had a good personality, seemed to be interested and enthusiastic, gave the impression of being well qualified to handle the duties of Resident Agent and it was thought he was above average for an Agent of the same length of service and he might have some possibilities for administrative work in the future.

On 3-31-43 SAC Naughten rated him VERY GOOD and said he had displayed a fine spirit of loyalty, application and had produced above average results, he was a good dictator, his reports were uniformly free of error in form and complete in substance, he would have no difficulty in assuming the responsibilities of a physical surveillance, his duties had required that he establish personal liaison with other Governmental Agencies engaged in the War effort and he had established himself in the eyes of those officials in an impressive manner, he was able to operate with a minimum amount of supervision and the usual good exercise of good judgment, was above average in the use of Bureau firearms and was regarded as available for duties of a dangerous nature, he had organized his work well, had carried his assignments through to a usually satisfactory conclusion, had been particularly charged with the development of a net-work of counter-intelligence coverage along the Pacific Ocean Coastline of the State of Washington and he had demonstrated initiative and great resourcefulness in the execution of this responsibility, he was not regarded as capable of supervisory or administrative assignments but he had a thorough and fluent knowledge of French and was regarded as capable and available for an SIS assignment.

By letter dated 4-15-43 he was commended by the Director for his work in connection with the very vital function of developing coastal observers, contacts and informant coverage on the Washington Coast.

This Agent reported to the New York Field Division on 4-27-43 on a special in connection with the COCASE under the supervision of Assistant Director E. J. Connelley. On 5-4-43 Assistant Director Connelley said he seemed to have a keen mind, his youthful appearance was in his favor in that he would fit very well into the picture as Costes' secretary and this Agent possessed a pilot's license which would give him some common ground with Costes. Mr. Connelley advised it was contemplated that while he was working with Costes in New York arrangements would be made for his wife to return with their child to her home in Maine. The Director agreed. On 5-13-43 he was transferred to the New York Field Division.

On his transfer report dated 5-27-43 SAC Fletcher rated him VERY GOOD and said he was enthusiastic, made good friends and contacts, was very well regarded by all law enforcement officials within his district, he was particularly effective in liaison with other Government agencies, performed outstanding work in the field of the development of coastal informants and information, his reports were always satisfactory, he was a good dictator, there was no quest-

ion as to his ability as a witness, he performed his duties in a highly creditable manner, gained and secured for the Bureau many valuable contacts, demonstrated that he was industrious, interested, loyal, self-confident and self-sufficient.

On 3-31-44 SAC Conroy rated him EXCELLENT and said he was a young man of good, substantial personal appearance, had a pleasing personality, made a very satisfactory impression on others, had indicated initiative, resourcefulness, force and aggressiveness, had been assigned as a confidential contact with a double agent wherein it was necessary to converse only in French and he was very satisfactory in this respect and he had handled a difficult individual effectively during such assignment, he had indicated a very satisfactory ability to dictate and prepare reports concerning matters upon which he had worked, made a good witness, would be capable of handling dangerous assignments, had the ability to make very satisfactory contact with law enforcement officials and other persons in connection with official matters, had considerable initiative in originating the necessary action in connection with matters assigned to him, was capable of handling and discharging his responsibilities with a minimum of supervision and he was considered outstanding in his ability to direct and lead raids or dangerous assignments and this was intended to qualify him only as within the grade in which he was rated. On 6-1-44 he was reallocated to Grade CA^E 12, \$4600 per annum.

RECORD IN GRADE CAF 12, \$4600: During an inspection of the New York Office in August, 1944,^{the} Inspector (J. A. Robey) said he appeared aggressive and resourceful, created a good impression upon interview, and spoke and understood the French language well. Status: VERY GOOD.

On 3-31-45 Assistant Director E. J. Connelley rated him EXCELLENT and said he was a young man of good and substantial appearance, made a satisfactory impression on others, had initiative, resourcefulness, force and aggressiveness, had a very satisfactory speaking, reading and writing knowledge of the French language, had been handling the contact under cover with a confidential informant acting as a double agent in German espionage, he was sincere, loyal and applied himself to his work, indicated careful attention to duty and tact, was a very capable, above average dictator and prepared his reports in good form, received a rating of very good in moot court, was qualified in the use of all Bureau firearms and had a very excellent knowledge of the same, the firearms instructor had indicated that he could qualify for the position of firearms instructor and it was believed he would function satisfactorily in the handling of dangerous assignments, he had had close contact with surveillances and plants, was thoroughly familiar with same and could function above average in the handling of such assignments, made very satisfactory contacts with law enforcement officials and others and had initiative and originality in handling matters assigned to him, was capable of handling and discharging his responsibilities without supervision, had demonstrated he had supervisory capacity and that he could undoubtedly fill the job of supervisor in a Bureau office and it was believed he could function satisfactorily as a Number One Man in a small office and when he had had opportunity to acquaint himself with all the duties and operations of an office, particularly in the absence of the SAC, he could readily qualify for the position of Number One Man in a larger office.

During an inspection of the New York Office in June, 1945, Mr. Clegg said he expressed a desire for an SIS assignment, he spoke French fluently and seemed to be well qualified for the position he was now handling. During this inspection Assistant Director Connelley said he was a capable, efficient Special Agent of better than average ability, his work had been well handled, planned and entirely satisfactory and he had acted as a supervisor in handling the COCASE squad and he had demonstrated he had supervisory capacity and should be able to handle the job of Number One Man of a smaller office.

As a result of the basic increase in pay effective 7-1-45, his salary was increased to \$5180 in Grade CAF 12.

In September 1945, the Director said "Better keep an eye on him - might have possibilities." On 11-13-45 Mr. Conroy advised this Agent had a serious family situation, that his wife was in a hospital in New York City with tuberculosis and would be required to remain there for at least a month, following which she would be bedridden for five or six months but would be able to go to her home in Maine.

SAC Conroy stated he would like to recommend that the Bureau give consideration to transferring this Agent to the Boston territory and his assignment at Bangor as Resident Agent, for which he would be eminently qualified.

On 11-29-45 he was transferred to the Boston Field Division and on 11-30-45 he was designated Resident Agent at Bangor and Waterville, Maine. By memorandum dated 11-20-45, Mr. Hendon advised the Director that the Committee composed of Messrs. Hendon, Nease and Lee recommended that he be considered for supervisory vacancies at the Seat of Government which might occur in the future and for other types of administrative training. It was believed he had some possibilities for subsequent development as Assistant Special Agent in Charge and ultimately as Special Agent in Charge.

On 12-3-45 he was afforded a \$210 increase under the provisions of the Uniform Promotion Act to \$5390 in Grade CAF 12.

On 12-7-45 SAC Conroy rated him EXCELLENT and said he had been assigned chiefly to special cases, working under the supervision of Assistant Director E. J. Connelley and in this capacity he performed excellent work from an investigative standpoint, the appropriate handling of confidential informants, as an undercover agent and as supervisor of the men assigned to Mr. Connelley's squad. He demonstrated an above average ability to handle both the clerical and agent personnel, showed a ready understanding of the problems involved in the administration of his section and demonstrated an ability to get things done quickly and efficiently yet in a tactful manner. From October/1945 until the date of his transfer he was designated as #1 Man to the Assistant Special Agent in Charge of Division II in that office and in this capacity he was in charge of this Division during the absence of the ASAC for periods as long as two weeks and he displayed excellent judgment in this capacity. He had the ability to anticipate problems before they arose and an understanding of Bureau policies which permitted him to handle competently problems of administrative or investigative nature. He was able to discern what matters were important and afford them immediate attention. He organized his work well, made an excellent appearance, could effectively handle himself as a Bureau representative before a wide variety of individuals in various walks of life and he had a fluent knowledge of French. He had an above average knowledge of firearms, was considered qualified for dangerous assignments and he was physically fit and mentally alert to meet emergencies. He was rated excellent as an investigator and in addition, he had demonstrated above average qualifications to handle administrative and supervisory positions. He was rated as one of the best supervisors in the New York Office and it was the opinion that he could capably act as Assistant Special Agent in Charge in a Bureau field office with possibilities for still further advancement.

On 1-31-46 SAC Soucy rated him EXCELLENT and said he had shown himself to possess initiative and resourcefulness as well as force and aggressiveness. He had shown himself fully capable of organizing and initiating investigations and he had indicated a willingness to accept responsibility and discharge same without supervision.

He attended In-Service from 2-11-46 to 2-22-46.

Effective 2-24-46 he received a meritorious increase to \$5600 per annum in CAF-12 in view of the outstanding services performed by him and the unusual ability and alertness displayed in connection with a highly delicate and confidential matter involving the internal security of this country. His sustained and superior work performance over a long period of time had distinguished him even among other employees rated as Excellent.

By letter dated 3-21-46 he was advised that he was being given a medal commemorating his enrollment in the Possible Club for firing a perfect score on the Practical Pistol Course during the Firearms Training at Quantico, Virginia on 3-2-46.

On 3-31-46 SAC Soucy rated him EXCELLENT and said his reports were well written and required a minimum of supervision. His contacts with law enforcement officials and businessmen were excellent. He was in excellent physical condition and it was felt that he had supervisory and administrative ability.

By memorandum dated 5-14-46 his SAC was advised that Maheu was now considered a qualified firearms expert and he was authorized to give lectures and demonstrations before outside groups.

Effective 7-1-46 he received a basic increase to \$6384. per annum in CAF-12.

By letter dated 11-4-46 he was advised that the Bureau received his letter of 10-17-46, in which he requested that Boston be listed as his office of preference in view of his desire to remain assigned to the Boston Division because of Mrs. Maheu's illness. He was advised that no transfer was contemplated for him and accordingly he would remain assigned to the Boston Division and the records of the Bureau would reflect that Boston was his only office of preference.

On 3-31-47 SAC Soucy rated him EXCELLENT and said his dictation was very good and he would make an excellent witness for the government. He could be used on dangerous assignments and he had not had an opportunity to work as a relief supervisor but the SAC felt that he had supervisory and administrative ability.

Effective 6-15-47 he was afforded a Uniform Promotion to \$6623.40 per annum in CAF-12.

By letter dated 6-24-47 he submitted his resignation to be effective 7-24-47, due to the ill health of his wife.

On 7-24-47 SAC Soucy rated him EXCELLENT and said his work had continued to be satisfactory.

By letter dated 9-21-49 he was advised that it was a pleasure to recommend him to the President of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad for

possible employment in view of the very fine record which he established for himself while a Special Agent of the Bureau.

By letter dated 1-15-52 he advised that because of the Director's recommendation, he was offered and had accepted the position of Director of Compliance for the Small Defense Plants Administration. His starting salary would be \$10,800 per annum in GS-15. Mr. Maheu indicated his duties would include supervision of personnel investigations, loyalty of employees and related matters. He expressed a desire to cooperate fully with the Bureau whenever possible. Director acknowledged this letter dated January 18, 1952 and told him that if the Bureau could be of assistance to him in matters of mutual interest, hoped he would not hesitate to call upon us.

By letter dated 2/26/52 the service record of Robert A. Maheu was furnished to the United States Civil Service Commission in connection with their request. The United States Civil Service Commission was advised that his services were entirely satisfactory and nothing of a derogatory nature was known concerning his character or integrity during the period in which he was an employee of this Bureau.

Memorandum dated 1/31/52 reflected that Former Special Agent Robert Maheu, a former schoolmate of Mr. McGuire, mentioned to Mr. McGuire that he was most appreciative for the Director's recommendation which led to his present position. Maheu was trying to find a place to live in Washington and stated as soon as he got his family settled he would stop by the Director's Office. Maheu was a very sincere and capable person and Mr. Nichols felt sure that he would do everything possible to be of assistance to the Bureau.

Memorandum dated 4/4/52 reflected that in connection with Senator Wiley's request for names of former Agents, Mr. Nichols proposed to give him the name of Former Special Agent Robert Maheu. His service record was also furnished to Senator Wiley.

On 8/14/52 Mr. Dan Carr, official of the Small Defense Plants Administration personally called at Mr. Glavin's office with his assistant, Mr. Henry, and advised that Mr. Maheu was in a Grade 15 position in his present job and the Examining Auditor of the Civil Service Commission had expressed doubt that he should be considered for Grade 15 when the last position he had was in CAF-12. Mr. Carr wanted to know for his own information whether Maheu had any administrative responsibilities while in the Bureau since he had been advised that Maheu had been assistant to Mr. Connelly on a confidential case and in addition thereto, had been in charge of a Section of the New York Office handling administrative procedures there. Mr. Glavin furnished Mr. Carr concrete information concerning Maheu's assignments while in the Bureau, pointing out to him that at the time Mr. Maheu was an Agent in the Bureau's service, the top salary for Special Agents in Charge was Grade GS-14. Mr. Glavin pointed out that we had had no super grades until recently and the Agent in Charge of the New York Office at the present time was in Grade GS-16, and Mr. Connelly who was an Assistant Director in Charge

of Field Activities was in Grade GS-17. Mr. Carr was appreciative of the information furnished to him. Mr. Carr telephonically advised Mr. Callahan in Mr. Glavin's office on the morning of 8/15/52 that after discussing Maheu's case with the Civil Service Commission, the Civil Service Commission approved Maheu's qualifications for occupying the Grade GS-15 position to which he was appointed.

By letter dated 9/15/52 Telford Taylor, Administrator, Small Defense Plants Administration, advised inasmuch as he was departing from the Small Defense Plants Administration he wanted to take the opportunity to thank the Director and his organization for the assistance which he had rendered to this agency. Most particularly, Mr. Taylor was very grateful to the Director for having recommended Robert A. Maheu, a former agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, for the position of Director of the Compliance and Security Office. Mr. Maheu's presence had been a source of great satisfaction and security, both to Mr. Taylor and to the agency as a whole. Mr. Taylor could not commend Mr. Maheu too highly for the manner in which he had performed this difficult and important assignment. By letter dated 9/19/52 the Director thanked Mr. Taylor for his thoughtful remarks concerning the assistance received from the FBI and that Former Special Agent Robert A. Maheu's work had been so satisfactory. An addendum reflected that a reply was being kept perfunctory inasmuch as Taylor was subject of a loyalty inquiry. Allegations were received that Taylor in 1932 spoke favorably of Russia; had been an associate of Alger Hiss; had in 1942 admitted membership in the National Lawyer's Guild, which had been cited as a Communist front by the HCUA.

On 10-16-52 the Director saw former Special Agent Robert A. Maheu, who was presently Director of Compliance for the Small Defense Plants Administration. Mr. Maheu wanted to express his appreciation for the Bureau's recommending him for this employment. He also stated that in view of the fact that the Small Defense Plants Administration might be ultimately discontinued, he wanted the Bureau to keep him in mind to be recommended for any other position which the Bureau might feel he was qualified to fill.

In a letter to the Director dated 10-21-52 Mr. Maheu advised it was very thoughtful of the Director to offer him an opportunity of having a personal interview with him recently. Mr. Maheu stated that the Director might rest assured that if he was successful in getting a more permanent position in industry, he (Maheu) would continue to exercise every effort so that his work would reflect favorably upon the excellent training which he received during his years in the Bureau.

In a letter to Senator Joseph R. McCarthy dated 12-2-52, the Director advised, with respect to their telephonic conversation, he was furnishing Senator McCarthy with the names of six former Special Agents for the Senator to consider for work with his Committee to Investigate the Executive Branch of the Government. It is noted that Former Agent Robert A. Maheu's name was among those names furnished to the Senator.

By letter dated 1-19-53 to the Director, Jerome G. Daviau, Attorney-at-Law, Waterville, Maine, stated that he understood former SA Maheu had been recommended by the Director to an assignment bearing on our national security and Daviau was concerned whether or not Maheu deserved the Director's personal recommendation. Mr Daviau indicated that Maheu had engaged in irregular activities in connection with a business enterprise known as "Dairy Dream Cream" and stated that many people had been "flimflamed" as a result of investing money in this enterprise. He furnished the names of various individuals in Waterville, Maine and New York City who could furnish information in this regard. The Director noted, "Get to bottom of this promptly."

By memorandum dated 1-29-53 it was recommended and approved that he ^(Maheu) not be recommended by the Bureau for any position in the future. Inquiry reflected that Mr. Daviau had apparently had considerable controversy with Maheu in connection with "Dairy Dream Farms" and sued Maheu in Municipal Court, New York City during November, 1952, for legal services rendered. Roland Vigue of New York stated Maheu told Judge during this hearing that he (Maheu) had been recommended for the position he held at that time by the Director. Mr. Daviau made no mention of this incident in his letter or upon subsequent interview. Inquiry reflected Maheu apparently had experienced extensive financial difficulties in connection with "Dairy Dream Farms" and still owed considerable money as a result. Daviau and Vigue did not believe he acted honestly and in good faith in this connection and felt he had capitalized on his former association with the FBI. Various individuals at Waterville, Maine, including several who lost money in Maheu's venture, felt he acted in good faith and was attempting to see that the investors who lost money were eventually repaid. No further inquiry would be made but Maheu would not be recommended by the Bureau in the future.

By letter dated 3-23-53 Mr. John E. Horne, Administrative Assistant to Senator Sparkman, Committee on Banking and Currency, U. S. Senate, pointed out to the Director that he had resigned from his position with the Small Defense Plants Administration and wanted the Director to know that Maheu was continuing to meet the high standards set by the Bureau. His letter was acknowledged under date of 3-26-53 and appreciation was expressed for his kind comments.

By memorandum dated 4-13-53 it was recommended and approved that the inquiry received for his service record from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare 4-9-53 be replied to with the information that since his resignation from the FBI, the Bureau had learned he engaged in an unsuccessful business venture, left many outstanding debts and that many creditors felt he had been unethical with his business dealings. Memorandum dated 4-14-53 reflected that Mr. Laughlin had informed the person inquiring that upon checking the Bureau's records that we regretted that we could not recommend him. It was stated that in view of this all further dealings with Maheu by the Department

of Health, Education and Welfare would be cancelled completely.

Memorandum dated 10-29-53 reflected that a request for Maheu's service record was telephonically received 10-28-53 from E. J. Stocking, Assistant Chief, Examining Division, U. S. Civil Service Commission. Mr. Stocking stated that the Commission was conducting an investigation of Maheu, who was presently employed as Compliance and Security Officer, Small Defense Plants Administration, in that he was being considered by the latter agency for the Administrative Officer's position in Grade GS-17, which necessitated a clearance by the Civil Service Commission from the loyalty, character and general reputation standpoint. It was recommended and approved that Mr. Stocking should be telephonically advised that Maheu's work record was satisfactory while he was with the Bureau, that during the time he was with us nothing derogatory was known concerning his character or integrity; but the Bureau received information subsequent to his resignation indicating that he engaged in an unsuccessful business venture, left many debts outstanding and that some creditors felt he was unethical in his business dealings; further that the Bureau had not conducted any investigation of his business. This was subsequently done.

Memorandum dated 11-3-53 reflected that he had been elected Treasurer of the Washington Chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents.

On 2-26-54 the Director saw former Special Agent Robert A. Maheu. Mr. Maheu called to pay his respects and to state that he had resigned from the Small Business Administration and was opening a private investigative agency. He stated he wanted the Director to know that if at any time he could be of any service to the Bureau he was always available. Mr. Maheu expressed himself quite strongly as to how he thought ex-Agents should act and should try to live up to the high ideals of the Bureau. The Director told Mr. Maheu he shared this same view but this was one of the reasons that he (Director) had been concerned about the Society of Former Special Agents in that they accepted for membership therein individuals who did not always have a satisfactory record when in the FBI. The Director further stated that the sole criterion seemed to be that as long as a man was not dismissed with prejudice he was eligible for acceptance in the Former Agents Association, whereas he, Mr. Maheu, knew many times Agents were requested to resign because of unsatisfactory work or conduct.

In a letter to the Director dated 3-11-54 Mr. Maheu stated he sincerely felt that, before embarking on a new career, the privilege of a personal interview with the Director would serve as the stimulus for his bearing foremost in mind the high ideals upon which the Director had always patterned his own life. Mr. Maheu stated his wife had had her annual examination and she was found to be in excellent condition. He further stated, starting 4-1-54 he would be located at 917 15th Street, N. W., and he would very much appreciate an autographed photograph of the Director for his new office. His letter was acknowledged by letter dated 3-16-54 and an autographed photograph of the Director was forwarded to him under separate cover.

On 3-31-54 Mr. Boardman and Mr. Malley interviewed Wendell Burton Barnes, the Administrator of Small Business Administration, concerning allegations of a critical nature concerning the FBI attributed to Barnes by former SA Raymond Taggart. Mr. Barnes furnished detailed information relative to a situation existing at the Small Business Administration involving former SA Robert Maheu as Director of Compliance and Security and the close relationship of Maheu with Taggart. Barnes also cited information made known to him concerning indiscretions of William Mitchell previous Administrator of Small Business Administration (SBA) and the fact that Maheu was with Mitchell when some of these indiscretions occurred. Barnes further cited attempts made by Maheu to block his confirmation by having Scott McLeod of the State Department contact individual Senators. Barnes related incident where Taggart was responsible for having individuals working on future plans of SBA activities prior to receiving position or security clearance. These allegations were discussed in detail with Barnes. He appreciated receiving correct information concerning matters he had discussed with Taggart. Barnes stated his remarks concerning the competency of Bureau Agents was misinterpreted and the remark was that Treasury Agents had background and training more suitable to the needs of SBA official work. Barnes was not critical of special inquiry investigation concerning him and stated he was much too busy to handle liaison matters with the Bureau and hoped to locate a man for the position of Compliance and Security Director that would have the respect of all Government agencies and be able to effectively handle liaison. He was completely unsatisfied with the loyalty to him of Maheu and Taggart and stated he had no place in his organization for an individual who would go to his previous employer with information furnished to him in connection with official remarks. He stated he had no complaints against FBI personnel. His complaints were against ex-FBI personnel in his organization. Barnes stated if the occasion ever arose when he did have complaints to make, he would furnish them in writing to the Director where he was sure they would receive proper attention. It was recommended and approved that in view of the comments made by Mr. Barnes relative to his desire to cooperate with the Bureau and his statement that he had absolutely no complaint to make concerning Bureau personnel, the restriction of not having any contact with SBA until this matter was settled be removed at this time.

On 7-8-54 the Director saw former Special Agent Maheu who was at the present time engaged in business with a private detective agency in Washington, D. C. Mr. Maheu informed the Director that he had recently signed a contract with the Senate Banking and Currency Committee to do certain investigative work for that Committee. He also informed the Director that from time to time, in the course of investigations which they conduct for private clients, they ran across some information which he thought might be of interest to the Bureau and he wanted to know how he could make the same available to the Bureau. He mentioned particularly the fact that recently Colonel Henry A. Byroade, who he stated was an official of the State Department, was known to have had a luncheon engagement with the Alsops which extended for an hour and a half. The Director told Mr. Maheu that whenever he came across any information which he thought might be of interest to the Bureau, he

should feel at liberty to forward it to the Director's Office marked
~~"Personal and Confidential."~~ (U)

On 7-8-54 Former Special Agent Taggart telephonically contacted Mr. H. L. Edwards and advised that he and Former Special Agent Maheu were now associated together in the private investigative enterprise at 917 15th Street, N. W. operating under the name of Robert A. Maheu and Associates. The purpose of his call was to ascertain whether the Bureau had any knowledge of a former stenographer who might be available to accept a secretarial position with them. Mr. Edwards told Mr. Taggart that he (Mr. Edwards) knew of nobody who would fill the bill.

Director's ^{Office} routing slip dated 7-30-54 reflected that Former Agent Maheu called the Director's Office and stated he wanted the Director to know he was leaving Sunday, 8-1-54, for London for a week or ten days in connection with the Onassis deal. He said that he had talked with the Vice President that morning and was very enthusiastic about the whole investigation. He said that the Onassis deal revolved around a virtual monopoly of all the oil in Saudi-Arabia. He said he was going to send two men to Saudi-Arabia to make inquiry and that "all interested agencies in the government" would be advised. He said if the Director wanted any information which he had concerning this matter that his files were open and all that the Director had to do was to so indicate. He said former Raymond Taggart had all the information and the Bureau should feel free to call him.

On 8-5-54 Mr. Winterrowd interviewed former Special Agent Leahy and he (Leahy) stated that he and a number of other former Special Agents were working for the Robert A. Maheu Associates which had been organized by former Special Agent Maheu and was an investigative analyst group. Leahy stated his purpose in coming to the Bureau was that he desired, on behalf of the Robert A. Maheu Associates, to let the Bureau know they had a contract for the Capehart Committee to run out investigative leads. Leahy stated that he also wanted to make sure that the Bureau knew that the Robert A. Maheu Associates had no intent or desire whatsoever to interfere with the Bureau in any manner. He further stated that on occasions pertinent information was obtained which would be of interest to the Bureau and that it was the desire of Maheu and all members of the staff to make it available to the Bureau. Leahy was critical of the Capehart Investigating Committee saying that it had unexperienced personnel. He said further that the staff of the Committee only gave them individual leads and did not provide them with basic and background information. Therefore, the work being done for the Committee was sometimes disjointed and they did not know the full significance of the leads. In other words, they work on a "one shot lead" basis. It was recommended unless advised to the contrary, information would be accepted from Leahy or the Maheu Associates as the Bureau would from any

other source; however, the Bureau would be most circumspect in any conversations the Bureau might have with any members of this group. The Director noted "Right."

On 8-20-54 Mr. John D. Marsh, who owned and operated the Marsh Building, Washington, D. C., called Mr. Mohr to ask if he could give any guidance or advice with respect to leasing space to the Robert A. Maheu Associates. He (Marsh) said he understood that Maheu was a former Special Agent and he had associated with him a group of other former Agents who were engaged in the private investigative business. He said he had no idea what they were doing and he would like to get a line on them before he entered into any lease with them. Mr. Mohr told Mr. Marsh that Maheu was a former Agent in the Bureau, that he left the Bureau some time ago and there was not anything Mr. Mohr could furnish him from the Bureau's records which would be of any assistance to him. Mr. Mohr did tell him, however, that before having Maheu move into his space he should stop, look and listen. Mr. Marsh expressed appreciation and said he would be guided accordingly.

On 9-10-54 Mr. J. S. Rogers advised that former Special Agent Leahy came to his office on 9-7-54 and inquired if the Bureau at the present time was conducting surveys of police departments. Mr. Rogers told Leahy the Bureau was not. He stated that Robert A. Maheu Associates was considering going into this field but did not want to do so if the Bureau had any objection whatsoever. Mr. Rogers told Leahy that he (Rogers) did not know of any grounds upon which the Bureau would object to or approve of his company conducting surveys. Mr. Tolson noted "We should watch this closely or they will use us." The Director noted "I agree."

On 9-17-54 the Director saw Special Agent Charles W. Lyons of the Washington Field Office who stated he had been approached by former Special Agent Robert Maheu, who was operating some sort of an investigative agency in Washington, D. C., and had offered the position of opening a London branch for Maheu's outfit. Lyons stated he told Maheu that he could not consider this matter unless it had the Director's approval and that was the reason Lyons came to see the Director. The Director told Lyons that any decision in a matter of that kind would have to be made solely by him. The Director suggested that he consider, first, the material advantages of leaving the Bureau after fourteen years of service, and second, whether he would be happy in the new work upon which he was to embark. Lyons stated he had considered these aspects and was interested in accepting the offer and in entering upon the new field of work. Lyons stated that he thought that being at London he might be able to be of some service to our Legal Attache and wanted the Bureau to know that it would always have his cooperation. The Director thanked Lyons for his offer. It is to be noted that Lyons resigned 9-24-54.

On 9-17-54 Mr. Holloman advised that the Director desired a memorandum

regarding former Agent Maheu, who operated the "Maheu Associates" in Washington, D. C. Such a memorandum was prepared under date of 9-20-54, setting out the fact that his Bureau was ^{not} satisfactory. However, subsequent to his resignation he had organized a general brokerage business and it was disclosed he was involved in considerable controversy as a result of this business venture having been sued in Municipal Court, New York City, during November, 1952, for legal services rendered. He had experienced extensive financial difficulties as a result of this venture. Certain sources felt he had capitalized on his former association with the Bureau. It was pointed out that former Agents Raymond Taggart and Howard J. Leahy were associated with Maheu. (In connection with Leahy, former Inspector Egan advised on 1-15-54, that two confidential sources had alleged that Leahy had engaged in homosexual practices and had been a drunkard subsequent to leaving the Bureau). It was believed, also, that former Agents Louis J. Russell, Richard Lawrence and Charles W. Lyons were believed to be associated with Maheu or were contemplating being associated with him. The Director noted, "We must see that we are most circumspect in all dealings with Maheu here and in the Field".

On 9-22-54 a memorandum was directed to the Legal Attache at London, and copies were directed to the Legal Attaches in Paris, Salzburg, Heidelberg, Madrid and Rome, pointing out the fact that Maheu was now in the process of opening offices in cities outside the United States. This memorandum pointed out it was entirely possible that members of this organization would contact the Legal Attaches and the Bureau called to the Legal Attaches attention that this was strictly a private investigative body which had no official government connection and accordingly representatives of the Bureau could not render any assistance or furnish any information to members of the Maheu group.

Under date of 10-5-54 SAC Letter 54-53 was prepared and sent out and, among other things, it made reference to Robert A. Maheu Associates. By memorandum dated 10-12-54 Mr. Mohr said Mr. Nichols had advised that the Director had asked for an explanation as to why the Bureau sent out an SAC Letter concerning the Robert A. Maheu Associates. SAC Letter 54-53 was marked "Personal Attention, Strictly Confidential", Section K was the pertinent section and it consisted of two paragraphs. This section was quoted as follows:

"(K) ROBERT A. MAHEU ASSOCIATES -- Former Special Agent Robert A. Maheu has initiated a private investigative agency in Washington, D. C., and has hired several former Special Agents to assist in the operation of this organization. Although this is strictly a private investigative body which has no official Government connection it is understood that the organization may do investigative work for congressional committees on a contractual

basis. Maheu is now in the process of opening offices in cities outside the United States."

"I want all Special Agents advised of the existence of this organization and instructed that they must be most circumspect in all dealings with Maheu or any of his representatives. In the event any investigative personnel should receive any information regarding the activities of this organization, or if any investigative personnel are contacted by representatives of this organization the Bureau should be immediately advised."

Mr. Mohr said that following the preparation of a memorandum by the Administrative Division concerning the operation of Robert A. Maheu Associates on 9-20-54, the Director noted on this memorandum, "We must see that we are most circumspect in our dealings with Maheu here and in the field." Mr. Mohr said when this memorandum was received, he discussed with Mr. Nichols the desirability of sending out an SAC Letter along general lines and Mr. Nichols suggested that an SAC Letter be prepared along the lines of the letter sent to all Legal Attaches dated 9-22-54. Mr. Mohr said he issued the necessary instructions in the Administrative Division and had the SAC Letter prepared and specifically instructed that the substance of it be rather general in nature but that the field keep the Bureau informed of the activities of Maheu Associates. Mr. Mohr said of course, the Bureau was only interested in those activities of Maheu Associates which would be of interest to the Bureau. Mr. Mohr said that at the time the SAC Letter was prepared he was aware of the fact that Maheu held a contract with the Capehart Committee to do investigative work and he had done some political investigations in New England and particularly in Maine for [redacted] that he had done some investigative work for [redacted] in regard to [redacted] efforts to obtain [redacted] and Mr. Mohr was aware that Maheu's outfit was apparently interested in entering the field of police surveys. Mr. Mohr said it seemed obvious to him that an SAC Letter was necessary in this matter in order to alert the field to the potential activities of Maheu Associates, particularly when the Bureau knew that Maheu had some rather questionable former Agents working for him. It seemed a shame, Mr. Mohr said, that the Bureau could not seem to send instructions to our Agents without having them blabber it all over Washington but Mr. Mohr guessed in the preparation of every SAC Letter and instruction to the field we have got to assume that anything that was said would eventually find its way to the public domain or at least to the ears of those about whom we were writing. Mr. Mohr said he accepted full responsibility for the SAC Letter that was sent out with respect to Robert A. Maheu Associates since it was prepared at his instruction and he personally approved the contents of this SAC Letter.

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By letter dated 11-29-54 the Director expressed his sympathy on the death of Mr. Maheu's father. By letter dated 12-13-54 Mr. Maheu thanked the Director for his expression of sympathy.

By letter dated 7-2-59 he advised the Director of the birth of their fourth child and that the Director might recall in 1945 when his wife had tuberculosis they were informed that it would be impossible to have any more children. Since her remarkable recovery they have had three healthy children. He further stated he and his wife often talk of the Director's great cooperation during her sickness. This letter was acknowledged by letter dated 7-9-59.

It is noted that Maheu is a former Bureau Agent who entered on duty 12-9-40 and resigned 7-24-47. The Bureau has been most circumspect in its dealings with Maheu since 1953. By then Maheu had experienced extensive financial difficulties and it was reported that when sued in court for legal services, Maheu attempted to capitalize on his former associations with the FBI and flaunted the fact that he had been recommended by the Director for the position he held. In view of this, his name was removed from our Former Agents List. Since commencing operations as a private investigative agency, his ethics and trustworthiness have become questionable. In 1955 he was called into the Bureau and cautioned against spreading rumors or allowing rumors to be spread to the effect that his agency had inroads into FBI files. In November, 1958, he refused to be interviewed at the Washington Field Office regarding the possibility that he or some of his employees may have had knowledge of a technical surveillance on Jesus de Galindez prior to his disappearance in 1956. He attempted to dictate conditions of interview which were refused.

Memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated 11-5-59 reflected that while Mr. Mohr was discussing other matters with former Special Agent [redacted] he learned from [redacted] that Maheu was well known in the Labor cocktail circuit in Washington, D. C. Maheu is listed as residing in Washington, D. C., and his occupation is given as Public Relations, Investigations. It will be recalled that information had been received that Maheu had been doing some investigative work (he called it public relations activity) for [redacted] of the Steel Workers Union. Information was also received that Maheu had been doing some investigative work for Howard Hughes, specifically, keeping an eye on some of Hughes' girl friends.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

New York, New York
September 1, 1945

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with instructions contained in Section 36 of the Bureau Manual of Rules and Regulations, please be advised that my status with respect to the items listed below is as follows:

- (A) Date of Birth: October 30, 1917⁵⁴
- (B) Marital Status: (name of spouse) Married: Yvette Doyon Maheu-Wife
- (C) Spouse's Place of Employment: Not employed

- (D) Number and birth date of Children:
One -

- (E) Names of parents,
brothers and sisters:

Father and Mother: Mr. and Mrs. Ephrem Maheu
Sister:

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- (F) Maiden name of wife, together
with names of wife's parents,
brothers and sisters:

Wife: Yvette Doyon

Mother: Mrs. Louise Doyon
Father: Deceased
Brothers:

Sisters:

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- (G) Names of husband's parents,
brothers and sisters:

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(H) Names of societies or
organizations with which
connected:

~~None~~

Knights of Columbus } 2/26/47
Rotary International }

(I) Legal Residence: 54 Summer Street, Waterville, Maine

(J) Education:
(Names of Schools attended
and degrees received)

Holy Cross College - B.S. in Economics

(K) Name, address and relation-
ship of person to be notified
in case of emergency:

Mrs. Robert A. Mahen (Wife)

[Redacted] New York City

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(L) List of names of any relatives
now in the Government service,
with degree of relationship,
and where employed. (List all
relatives, including those by
marriage.):

Newphews: [Redacted] U. S. Army
[Redacted] U. S. Army
[Redacted] U. S. Army
[Redacted] U. S. Navy

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Cousin: [Redacted] U. S. Army

(M) Offices where assignment preferred:
(Limited to three)

~~1. New Haven~~
~~2. Providence~~
1. Boston (11-4-46)

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Mahen
ROBERT A. MAHEU
Special Agent

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VOCATION RECORD

MAY 1, 1945

NAME MAHEU, AIME TITLE OF POSITION SPECIAL AGENT
 Last Middle
 (Use legal signature and PRINT) PLACE OF ASSIGNMENT NEW YORK

EDUCATION:

College or University HOLY CROSS COLLEGE ENTERED ON DUTY DEC. 9, 1940
 Month Day Year

Location WORCESTER, MASS. Degrees B. S. Major ECON. Minor PHILOSOPHY
 City State

Federal Year CPA
 BARS: State Year State Year

FOREIGN LANGUAGE ABILITY:

PROFICIENCY

FRENCH

Language

Read: Excellent X Good Fair
 Speak (Converse): Excellent X Good Fair
 Understand: Excellent X Good Fair
 Translate: Without dictionary X With

Source of proficiency: Native Tongue X Academic X Years Studied 16 SIS

Foreign Travel Countries Length Dates

Language

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Source of proficiency: Native Tongue Academic Years Studied SIS

Foreign Travel Countries Length Dates

List any DIALECTS you are familiar with and your proficiency

CANADIAN FRENCH (EXCELLENT)

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT: (Give detailed information regarding previous employment, it is not necessary to list name of employer, but state type of duties performed and what capacity.)

TYPE OF WORK and IN WHAT CAPACITY

PROFICIENCY

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

TRUCK DRIVER (Summer vacations)Excellent3SALESMAN (Summer vacations)Excellent3

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VOCATIONS and AVOCATIONS: Give detailed information regarding any special knowledge, abilities, talents, hobbies, trades, etc., you possess, including athletics.)

| | PROFICIENCY | YEARS OF EXPERIENCE |
|---|-------------|---------------------|
| <u>Amateur</u> FLYING (PRIVATE PILOT LIC.) | Good | (Since 1940) |
| SWIMMING, TENNIS, FISHING, CANOEING | Excellent | 15 years |
| BASEBALL | Fair | 15 years |
| PUBLIC SPEAKING (INCLUDING RADIO) | Excellent | From 1932-1940 |
| DRAMATICS | Excellent | From 1926-1940 |
| BRIDGE and POKER <u>Card Player</u> | Excellent | 15 years |

ORGANIZATIONS: (List all organizations to which you belong, including FRATERNITIES)

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| | City | State |
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FOREIGN TRAVEL: (List all foreign countries you have traveled in)

| COUNTRY | IN WHAT CAPACITY | DATES (No. of months, etc) |
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| CANADA | TOURIST | Many times for short visits - from 1925-1940 |
| MEXICO | TOURIST | |
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MILITARY TRAINING: List any experience in any branch of the armed forces, or special training you have had. If you have had service in any military capacity, state branch, rank and number of years.)

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SPECIALIZED BUREAU TRAINING and EXPERIENCE: (Check any of the following training you have had.)

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| _____ European School | _____ Chamfering |
| _____ SIS School | _____ Secret Inks |
| _____ Police Liaison School | _____ Sound |
| _____ Police Instructor's School | _____ Microphotography |
| _____ Major Case School | _____ Tamper Proofing |
| _____ Chief Clerk's School | _____ Moulage |
| _____ Firearms Expert School | _____ Typewriting Alignment |
| _____ Field Supervisor's School | _____ Supervisor's School |
| _____ Communism | _____ ASAC School |
| _____ General Investigative | _____ SAC School |
| _____ Security | _____ Inspector's School |
| _____ Selective Service | |

ARE YOU A QUALIFIED BUREAU SPEAKER? No

ARE YOU AVAILABLE FOR AN SIS ASSIGNMENT? YES LOCATION DESIRED EUROPE

RADIO - SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS: (State degree of proficiency and length of time spent in the following.)

1. Education or Teaching Experience in:
 - a. Communications or Radio Engineering_____
 - b. Electrical Engineering_____
 - c. College Physics_____
 - d. Vocational or other Radio School_____
2. Practical Experience in Radio:
 - a. Employment as Radio, Electrical or Communications Engineer or Technician_____
 - b. Amateur Radio_____ Licenses Held_____
 - c. Commercial Radio Operator_____
 - d. Radio or Sound Repairman or Technician_____

e. Experimenter or other _____

f. International Morse Code: - Transmit _____ W.P.M. - Receive _____ W.P.M.

g. Technical Knowledge of any Electronic Devices _____

TYPING ABILITY 30 Words per Minute SHORTHAND ABILITY _____ Words per Minute

MISCELLANEOUS: (List any other information, qualifications and accomplishments.)

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